

Knightly News

November 2014



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,

To say that October was a busy month would be an understatement! We did a lot and accomplished a lot. Per Father Paul's request, we conducted 2 Town Hall Meetings, one on Saturday the 4th at STA and the other on Sunday the 12th at SES. The meeting at SES represented somewhat of a challenge as we needed to bring all the food, supplies and equipment including 2 grills. Thank you very much to Brad Schieferstein, Joe Balestreri, Dean Brodnick, Tom Smith, Tim Tuttle and John Moore for a job well done and stepping up to the challenge. The hotdogs and hamburgers were cooked to perfection. Father Paul was very thankful for our support and as we listened, we all got a pretty good idea as to the physical renovations that both church campuses require, truly a monumental task forthcoming. Stay tuned more information to follow. For the entire month of October we also conducted a parish census after

every Mass on all weekends. Thanks to Dave Frankenberger for taking charge once again of this worthwhile job and to all the brother knights who volunteered to help; another job well done and of particular importance to our Diocese.

The annual Benefits Night was held on Friday night October 10th at Massimo's Italian Restaurant in Fremont. Thank you very much to our Worthy Field Agent, Jeffrey Carvalho for being such a gracious host and for providing us all with great information about the many financial benefits available to us through the Knights of Columbus. The meal was wonderful and thanks to Brother Mark Worrell who pranced around the room giving a share of his raffle winnings to everybody in the place, we were all winners. New Knights, if you have not met with Brother Jeff, I would strongly recommend that you look to make an appointment. You will learn a lot and he brings gifts!

On the Thursday evening, October 16th we conducted the first of our First Degree Exemplifications of the new Columbian year. We have 4 new Brother Knights, Robert Bills, John Sullivan, Edmund Cunniffe and Peter Yozzo. I want to extend a warm and heartfelt fraternal welcome to all of you. It is my fervent hope that your entry into our fraternal brotherhood will be a faith filled, honorable, rewarding and a happy experience for you and your families. As you progress you will see what the Knights of Columbus is all about. I would encourage you to come to the meetings, watch, listen and learn. Don't be afraid to ask questions, seek clarification if you don't understand something, talk to your brother Knights and look to PARTCIPATE in upcoming events.

The Tootsie Roll Drive was held on Saturday/Sunday, 10/18-19. Thanks again to Brother David Frankenberger for chairing this event and to all my brother Knights who dawned the yellow aprons and then bravely stood at all the doors at all the Masses collecting money and (continued on next page)

Officers

Columbian Year 2014 - 2015

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

Deputy Grand Knight/Program Dir.

SK Paul Unpingco462-2263

Chancellor/Membership Director

SK Jeffrey Brent846-5051

Treasure

SK Mark Worrell......426-5375

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SK PGK Joe Balestreri 399-4253

Advocate

SK PGK Brad Schieferstein846-7181

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Dave Frankenberger. 846-8561

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Dennis Roberts.....216-0981

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Dan Hughes462-0481

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PGK Lou Santero.....846-5124

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SK Michael Egbujor.....230-8034

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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

handing out tootsie rolls to all parishioners who contributed. Thank you all for supporting such a worthy cause.

On Saturday, October 25th at the Chapter Meeting held at St. Joan of Arc Church our council received the state award for going above and beyond membership quota. As you know we recruited 56 new members last year, best in the entire state and we were duly honored by receiving this award. It is truly an honor, a great achievement and a wonderful experience to see our very own PGK Mario daSilva receive this award for our council. And additionally, we received our Triple Star Council Plaque. We should all be proud of this achievement as we all made some significant contributions to make our council a triple star council. Beautiful!

Also on October 25th we conducted our annual Blood Drive at the SES JPII Center. Thirty plus individuals signed up to give blood. Thank you Brother Mike Machi for chairing this event once again this year. By the way, Brother Mike has been chairing this event for as long as I can remember even before I became a knight.

FESTA ITALIANA! I cannot thank you all enough as to how much support I received in putting this event together for our parish community. By all stretches of the imagination, it was absolutely wonderful! It's one thing to have the vision and a plan but executing the plan is another thing altogether. But I must tell you that putting this dinner, dance and social event together involved a lot of hard work and a lot of support from a cadre of my brother knights. The whole thing came off nearly flawlessly! I am so happy and delighted. There are so many knights to thank, too many to list in this newsletter. Thank you all. But I do want to extend a very special "Thank You" to our chief cook Brother Joseph Balestreri and assistant cook Brother Tim Tuttle for doing such a superb job in making a wonderful sauce along with cooking all the trimmings that went along with it. Without these two men, we could not have done what we did. I will be forever grateful and thankful. THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

I cannot let this GK message go out without giving a great big "Thank You" to our brother knight, PGK Mike Kliment. Since we took on the kitchen stove replacement project Mike took the responsibility and made the project his own. Step by step, day by day Mike oversaw every aspect of the project, getting the permits, drawings, hiring contractors, supervising the contractors, getting final inspections and even doing some of the upgrade work himself. As a result we have a state of the art kitchen stove with all the bells and whistles. During the cooking phase of Festa Italiana, we gave our new stove a real workout. When we were cooking, we had all 6 of the turbo charged, jet engine type burners fired up. Both ovens were on and the flat top was hot. There were times during the day when I thought that the whole stove was going to take off, blast through the roof, go into outer space and then into lunar orbit. But it didn't and we will have this marvelous piece of equipment to cook on for many upcoming events and for many years to come. Thank you again Mike Kliment for a very nice job, well done! We could not have had this Festa Italiana without your diligence, hard work and dedication!

One final note.... As Grand Knight, I've often asked myself "What makes our council so special?" Why are we a Triple Star Council? Here's an example. I think you know that a recent fire in Weed, California completely destroyed the Catholic Church there. The entire church campus burned to the ground. Everything was lost including all the local council's First Degree robes and paraphernalia needed to put on a first degree exemplification. Brother Robert Strawn saw an opportunity to help our brothers in need. First, he had our used first degree robes (we bought new ones last year) dry cleaned and got them ready for delivery. With help from Brother Dennis Roberts, he was planning to fly his plane to Weed on Friday, October 18th to make the delivery but weather in the Weed area was not cooperating. So what did they do? Undeterred, they put the robes in Robert's car and drove 4 hours, that's 4 hours to make the delivery. The recipient brother knights at the Weed Council were so excited, very appreciative and very thankful. They used these robes to conduct their First Degree Ceremony the very next day! Thank you very much Brother Robert and Brother Dennis for being such dedicated, loving and charitable Knights. We are blessed to have you as brother knights. Our council is special, very special and a Triple Star Council because of brothers like you.

God Bless,

Stephen



Coming events

O2 November Donut Social; All AM Masses; Both Churches
O6 November Officer's Meeting, 7:00 PM, St. Augustine's Hall, Room 4
Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, St. Augustine's Hall; Rms 4-5
Ron Silva Memorial Coat Drive; Hayward
November Military Support Group; SES—Room A, 7:00 PM
Distribution of Thanksgiving Food Baskets; St. Augustine Hall, 10:30 AM

04 December Officer's Meeting, 7:00 PM, St. Augustine's Hall, Room 4

07 December Donut Social; All AM Masses; Both Churches

11 December Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, St. Augustine's Hall; Rms 4-5

13 December Council Christmas Party

24 December Christmas Eve Parking Lot Patrol—Both Churches

SILENT AUCTION at the CRAB FEED

A small group of Knights are gathering prizes for our Silent Auction which will be held in January. I am hoping that in addition to this small solicitation group, our members will give serious thought to providing prizes as well. Whether you own a business that could supply a product, are a professional that could offer a service, a member that has a summer home for use, something of value that is just taking up space in your closet or if you're doing business with a firm that may be able to help us, please know that all donations are welcomed and appreciated.

Last year eleven brother knights personally gave or approached friends who owned businesses who donated prizes which accounted for a very large part (30%) of the almost \$18,000 raised for charities and ministries. This made a huge affect on our success and I'm optimistic this will happen again but only accompanied with a lot of prayer.

A solicitation letter is provided for this purpose. MS Word and PDF files for that letter are attached to the email that distributed this Newsletter. Please bring your donation to any Officer or Business meeting or call Lou Santero 925-846-5124, email: lpsantero@yahoo.com for pick up. All donations should be rendered by the end of December if possible.

10th Annual PGK Ron Silva Memorial Coat Drive

For the past nine years the Knights from Council #6043 and the family of Bro. Ron Silva have collected coats for the homeless. It started with a memory that Ron's son shared at his funeral about how Ron gave his jacket to a woman that was living in her car. It was so inspiring that I am pleased to announce for the tenth year our council will head the Coat Collection Project. Coats collected at the November business meeting will be given to the homeless in Hayward in memory of PGK Ron Silva.

Our goal is to collect 100 coats to give at least one to each person that attends the weekly Tuesday morning breakfast for the homeless at the Methodist Church on the corner B and 2nd Street in Hayward. The weekly breakfast is sponsored by All Saint's Church St. Vincent de Paul Society.

A great thanks is due to the Silva Family for their support of the Knights and those in need.

I will be available to collect the coats at the November Officers and Business meeting.

We will be delivering the coats the morning of Tuesday November 18th.

If you would like to help deliver the coats or for more information please contact:

Joe Balestreri 413-4885, jbalestreri@comcast.net

Thanksgiving Food Basket Distribution

Our thanks to Brother Knights and families who will be helping to distribute the Thanksgiving Food Baskets on Sunday, 23 November.



Chancellor's Note for November 2014

Brothers

October has been a very busy month for our Council with blood drives, Festa Italiano, District meetings and training sessions. On October 16th we had a first degree. My thanks to all the brothers who came out in support of the new Brother Knights. This was done separate from our usual business meeting, I know it is difficult to give up one extra evening, especially with Baseball playoffs going on.

I would appreciate feedback from brothers who attended and from those who were unable to attend about the pros and cons of doing the first-degree separate from the business meeting.

To those familiar with out new Brother knights

- Robert Bills
- John Sullivan
- Edmund Cunniffe
- Peter Yozzo

Contact them and join them at our next business meeting, let's make them feel part of our great organization and help quide them into areas of participation that suits them and helps us.

In Brotherhood

SK Jeff Brent



Military Peer Support Group

<u>Mission</u>: 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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Notice of the Intent to Change the Council's By-Laws to Effect a Change in the Council Dues

A copy of the Councils By-Laws is available via a hyperlinks on the home page of the Council's Web Site

(http://www.kofc6043.org/Knights_of_Columbus_6043/HOME.html).

Current Council 6043 By-Laws, as adopted September 11, 2008:

ARTICLE I

Section 3. Each member shall pay annual dues. The dues shall be payable quarterly in advance at the first regular meetings in January, April, July and October. The annual dues of members shall be 36.00, except insured members less than 26 years of age who shall pay one-half that sum, honorary members who shall pay \$10.00, and honorary life members who shall pay nothing. Except as stated above, the dues of associate and insurance members shall be the same.

Proposed change to Article I, Section 3:

Each member shall pay annual dues. The dues shall be payable yearly quarterly in advance at the first regular meetings in January, April, July and October. The annual dues of members shall be \$48.00 36.00, except insured members less than 26 years of age who shall pay one-half that sum, honorary members who shall pay \$10.00, and honorary life members who shall pay nothing. Except as stated above, the dues of associate and insurance members shall be the same.

The above change to take effect with the Columbian Year 2015/2016.

A Note from the Financial Secretary

We have had many new brothers join our council in the last two years. For those of you that might not be aware there are levels to the Knights of Columbus. We belong to Council 6043. The Council belongs to the District made up of five local councils. The District belongs to the Oakland Chapter. The Chapter belongs to the State and that belongs to The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council headquartered back in New Haven CT where we were founded by Fr. McGivney.

The council pays per-member fees to the Chapter, State and Supreme regardless of the amount we collect in dues

Approximately two thirds of our brothers have not paid their dues of \$36; almost half of which needs to be paid in fees to higher levels of the organization. Because of the missing dues payments, covering the fees takes almost \$2000 a year away from the charity donations we would otherwise make. A third notice will be going out shorty followed in the next few weeks by a phone call from the membership committee.

There are many reasons that a brother might not have paid his dues. Oversight, hardship, medical. This is not a collection call. It is an attempt to reach out to our Brothers and offer our help to them. I ask that you take your Brothers phone call so we can gain a better understanding of the reason.

Thank you for your cooperation, God Bless

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Emilio B. Moure California Knights of Columbus Museum Association

A California Public Benefit Corporation

Dear Brother Knights:

The Emilio B. Moure, California Knights of Columbus Museum Association is in the development stages of a new and exciting exhibit that is scheduled to open in November 2015. The mission of this exhibit is to bring awareness to and educate the general public of the contributions and sacrifices made by California Knights in the service to our country, as well as to honor those California Knights who have served their country. This exhibit will include a "Dog Tag" display, a continuous "Roll Call" of those that have served, and photographs of those Knights and their family members that have served in the armed forces.

We need your help. Please use this form to provide us with the requested information. The information requested will be used for the "Dog Tag" exhibit, as well as for the continuous "Roll Call" display.

There is much work to be done on this project and little time in which to do it. Please complete and return the "Information Request" form as soon as possible.

Thank you for taking the time to help us, the Knights of Columbus, recognize those that are so much deserving of it.

God Bless,

James R. Scroggin Museum President Avelino "Abe" Doliente
State Deputy, Museum C.E.O.

First Name:	Middle Initial:
Military Branch:	Rank:
Years Of Service: to	(Example 1964 to 1968)
Please Return to: Emilio B. Moure Cal Knights of Columbu 15808 Arrow Blvd S Fontana, CA 92335	s Museum Guite A
[] Yes, I would like to help the Muser donation of \$	um with this Exhibit. I have enclosed my tax deductable

Your donations are tax deductible. We are qualified as a Charitable Corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 23701(d) of the California Statutes.



Recent Activities

Festa Italiana; 25 October 2014

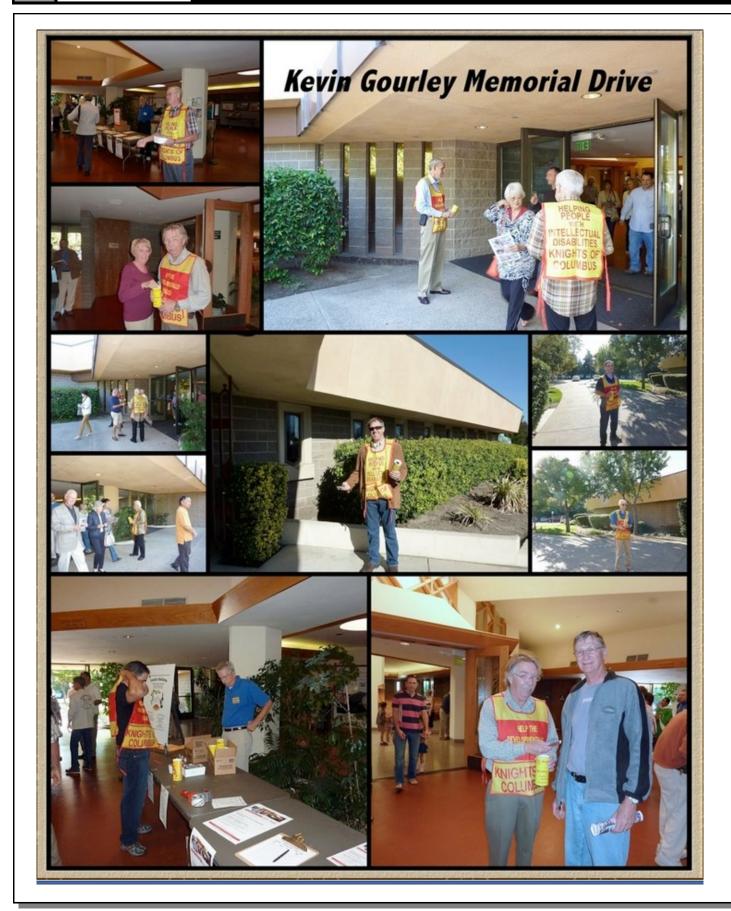


See the Council Web Site at www.kofc6043.org for more photos of our recent activities.











Think You Are Too Old for Coverage? Maybe Not

You are never too young or too old to consider purchasing life insurance. If you have a financial need for coverage, or will in the future, a permanent life insurance policy can be just the thing you need.

When you are young and presumably healthy, coverage will be very inexpensive when compared to purchasing the same policies when you are older.

If you've put off purchasing coverage, or you realize that you may need additional insurance, the Order may still be able to help you, even if other companies cannot. In fact, in 2012, the issue age of our permanent life insurance products was extended to age 80. Naturally, your health, and whether or not you smoke, will be taken into consideration, so underwriting standards for risk and age apply. But, the extension is a great blessing for me – and it could be for you too. Now I can help members that I couldn't help before. Are you or one of your brother knights one of those members?

Whether you're 18 or 80, the Knights of Columbus has products that will work for you and your family. I look forward to discussing coverage with you. We could meet at your home or my office.



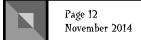


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Knight's Weekly Monday Morning Coffee Gathering

⇒ When: Every Monday Morning; 8:00 AM

⇒ Where: Sweet & Savory

5690 Stoneridge Drive—Cross Street, Gibraltar

⇒ Why: No Agenda—Just Brother Knights getting together for coffee & conversation

EMPLOYMENT - Knights helping Knights

We meet on the 1st Monday Evening each month at 7 PM - St Elizabeth Seton Church (Room B)

Should you need Job Search guidance, resource information, networking direction, or motivation support in your search for employment we are here to help!

Linkedin Group - Employment Connections CCOP

Mike_Machi@yahoo.com

Notes from the Newsletter Editor

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If you have submitted an entry to the Prayer Requests on the following page, please review the list to determine if your entry is correct and is still current. Please contact the Newsletter Editor for any corrections, deletions and additions. **Entries older than six months will occasionally be removed.** If you wish to have the prayer request retained, please contact me.

Our Council is located in the Oakland Chapter (oaklandkofc.org), District 39.



Prayer List

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

Karen Mortenson-Wife of Brother Dennis Mortenson Diana Bonnano-Friend of Brother Chuck Deckert Dan Schuchardt-Extended Family of Brother Richard Fredette

Dean DeRanieri – Brother-in-Law of Brother Bill Rinetti Jennifer Robinson - Friend of Brother Mike Clauser **Barbara Carvalho** – Mother of Field Agent Jeff Carvalho Henry F. Dove- Brother Knight & Father of Brother Gene Dove

Ronnie Dove- Uncle of Brother Gene Dove Stewart McMullen- Friend of Brother David Lamont 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 Naim - Parish Friend of Brother Mike Guerra Ralph Ruocco - Brother of Brother Lou Ruocco Pat Bellavia - Wife of DD Chuck Bellavia Serra LaVo- Granddaughter of DD Chuck Bellavia's Friend Paul Maurice - Father of Brother Dennis Maurice Carmella Goddard - Aunt of Brother Mike Burns **Elizabeth Burns**- Mother of Brother Mike Burns Michael McGillivrav - Brother of Brother Dan McGillivrav 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 Mary Beth Brown - Sister of Brother Bill Beston Dale Paul Federighi – Son of Brother Robert Federighi Barbara Federighi – Wife of Brother Robert Federighi Lucy Wiest- Granddaughter of Brother Robert Federiahi's ex-wife

Julie Young - Daughter of Brother Robert Federighi **Philip San Filippo-** Brother-in-Law of Brother Kevin Ryan Sandra Rvan - Wife of Brother Kevin Rvan Liz Sroka - Sister of Brother William Sroka Ardys Henson-Mother of Brother Christian Dungo David Kroepfl- Brother-in-Law of Brother Tom Egan Jessica Nett- Daughter of Brother Tom Egan **Keith Nett-** Grandson of Brother Tom Egan Lynne Crittendon- Sister of Brother Tom Smith **Domenic Natale-** Brother of GK Stephen Natale Ellyn Kelly- Mother of PGK Ray Kelly **Doug Hewitt** – Father of Brother Michael Hewitt Patricia Guzman - Mother of Brother Robert Strawn David Strawn - Brother of Brother Robert Strawn Veronica Garcia - Sister of Brother Javier Garcia Shannon D'Cruz- Son of Brother Savio D'Cruz Delicosa Pergira-Aunt of Brother Savio D'Cruz **Dino Pecoraro** – 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 **Newton & Sieczko Family** – Brother Paul Unpinco **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 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 Kym McFate- Mother-in-Law of PGK Joseph Balestreri RaShawna Balestreri - Wife of PGK Joseph Balestreri Nina Balestreri - Daughter of PGK Joe Balestreri Travyn Rasiah - Son of Brother Pravin Rasiah Benjamin Cruz- Son of Brother Anthony Cruz Jennifer Hansen – Daughter of Brother Ron Hansen Judy Weld- Sister of Brother Ron Hansen John Hansen- Brother of Brother Ron Hansen Loring Brown- Friend of Brother Mark Worrell Susan Usher - Cousin of Brother Mark Worrell Helen Hirashiki-Wife of Brother Mark Worrell Marie Andal - Mother of Brother Dennis Andal Kevin 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 Chris Conley- A Brother Knight **Brother Ellis Schott Brother Robert Federighi Brother Mike Yocham Brother Michael Auer**

Brother Ron Johnson Brother Rich Goddu Brother Paul Unpingco

Brother Paul Hill PGK John Moore 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:

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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