



# knightly news

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knight's of columbus

michael j. costello council # 6043

the catholic community of pleasanton

[www.kofc6043.org](http://www.kofc6043.org)

## grand knight's message



Brothers,

On Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup> Brother Sir Knight Richard Garcia passed on to our heavenly father. We had to say goodbye to one of our own. As I set out to do the Grand Knights tasks of informing the council brothers, contacting the Assembly and calling for pallbearers, I was drawn back to my own father's funeral just a few short years ago. The first month on the GK job and it was a tough one.

The response from the council for Rich Garcia's funeral was fabulous. We came out in force to attend both the Tuesday night vigil as well as the Funeral mass and burial. I am sure Rich was looking down from heaven with a big smile on his face seeing all of his KofC brothers in attendance. I personally want to thank everyone who volunteered as a pallbearer. I also want to thank the Color Guard for doing a great job on a moments notice. It was the first Fourth Degree funeral that

we have had in many years. Thank you all for being there.

As we look to the coming months activities, we are going to be busy. In August we have the Progressive Dinner and the Hawaiian Luau. In September and October we have an event every weekend. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer. Call some one and get involved. Don't know anyone? Call me 925-895-2667. Please refer to our website for event details, [www.KofC6043.org](http://www.KofC6043.org). Frank Costa is doing a fine job keeping the website updated and making it a great communication tool.

Finally, I would like to start a Rosary Replacement Program. Please come to the August business meeting to find out more.

Fraternally,  
Ron Hebron  
GK 6043

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Columbian Year 2009 - 2010

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third year trustee

**PGK Greg Jones** .....484-3379

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# pgk RICH GARCIA

June 13, 1934

July 10, 2009

## from pkg lou santero

**BROTHER IN NEED** Jesse Stansbury called last week with some good news. So far he has received \$1500 from 8 donors. In addition to our council over 100 other Knights received last month's article. For the 25% who contributed anonymously Jesse wanted you to know how grateful he is. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

## coming events

02 August	Donut Social; after the morning Masses
04 August	Social with the Pastor; 7:30 PM; Rectory
06 August	Officer's Meeting, 7:00 PM; St. Augustine's Hall, RM 5
13 August	Business Meeting; 7:30 PM; St. Augustine's Hall
15 August	Progressive Dinner
29 August	Hawaiian Luau
03 September	Officer's Meeting, 7:00 PM; St. Augustine's Hall, RM 5
06 September	Donut Social; after the morning Masses
10 September	Business Meeting; 7:30 PM; St. Augustine's Hall
11/13 September	Council Retreat; St. Clare's Retreat House
20 September	Parish Picnic; St. Augustine's
26/27 September	Membership Drive; St. Augustine's Church

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**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Knights of Columbus - Weekend  
Retreat  
September 11– 13 / 2009**

**St. Clare's Retreat House**

**\*Our Lady of the Angles\***

**Santa Cruz Mountains**

**For those of you who have never attended, we hope you will join us. As Brothers we come together in discussions about life and the world we live in. We pray, share meals and go where God's leads us. It's a fraternal weekend that should not be missed. It is one of my favorite activities each year. Our retreat will kick off with dinner on Friday evening (Sept 11<sup>th</sup>) and finalize with a noon lunch on Sunday (Sept 13<sup>th</sup>). Come early (After Lunch) and relax. Once again we will be Carpooling **as needed**. The cost for the weekend remains at a modest \$125.00 that includes all meals and a private room. Reservations are 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served.**

**Questions contact:**

John Rabada 846-4280 ([jrabada@comcast.net](mailto:jrabada@comcast.net)) or

Mike Machi 462-9765 ([mmachi@mricareers.com](mailto:mmachi@mricareers.com))

## Recent activities: installation of 2009-2010 officers



See the Council Web Site at  
**[www.kofc6043.org](http://www.kofc6043.org)** for more  
photos of our recent activities.



## from the deputy grand knight

### **Did You Know**

(Reprinted from [americancatholic.org](http://americancatholic.org))

June 30 is the Feast of the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

There were Christians in Rome within a dozen or so years after the death of Jesus, though they were not the converts of the "Apostle of the Gentiles" (Romans 15:20). Paul had not yet visited them at the time he wrote his great letter in a.d. 57-58. There was a large Jewish population in Rome. Probably as a result of controversy between Jews and Jewish Christians, the Emperor Claudius expelled all Jews from Rome in 49-50 A.D. Suetonius the historian says that the expulsion was due to disturbances in the city "caused by the certain Chrestus" [Christ]. Perhaps many came back after Claudius's death in 54 A.D. Paul's letter was addressed to a Church with members from Jewish and Gentile backgrounds.

In July of 64 A.D., more than half of Rome was destroyed by fire. Rumor blamed the tragedy on Nero, who wanted to enlarge his palace. He shifted the blame by accusing the Christians. According to the historian Tacitus, many Christians were put to death because of their "hatred of the human race." Peter and Paul were probably among the victims.

Threatened by an army revolt and condemned to death by the senate, Nero committed suicide in 68 A.D. at the age of 31.

Comment:

Wherever the Good News of Jesus was preached, it met the same opposition as Jesus did, and many of those who began to follow him shared his suffering and death. But no human force could stop the power of the Spirit unleashed upon the world. The blood of martyrs has always been, and will always be, the seed of Christians.

Quote:

Pope Clement I, third successor of St. Peter, writes: "It was through envy and jealousy that the greatest and most upright pillars of the Church were persecuted and struggled unto death.... First of all, Peter, who because of unreasonable jealousy suffered not merely once or twice but many times, and, having thus given his witness, went to the place of glory that he deserved. It was through jealousy and conflict that Paul showed the way to the prize for perseverance. He was put in chains seven times, sent into exile, and stoned; a herald both in the east and the west, he achieved a noble fame by his faith...."

"Around these men with their holy lives there are gathered a great throng of the elect, who, though victims of jealousy, gave us the finest example of endurance in the midst of many indignities and tortures. Through jealousy women were tormented, like Dirce or the daughters of Danaus, suffering terrible and unholy acts of violence. But they courageously finished the course of faith and despite their bodily weakness won a noble prize."



# The Venerable *Michael J. McGivney*



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### PROCESS FOR SAINTHOOD

## Register to Join the Guild

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July- August, and is sent free to Guild members. To join the Guild, fill in and submit this form. Fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are required.

Title:

First Name:\*

Middle Name:

Last Name:\*

Suffix:

Address 1:\*

Address 2:

City:\*

State:\*

Zip/Postal Code:\*

Country:\*

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Fax:

E-mail Address:

Go to the following web site to enter your information and submit the form to register to join the Guild:

<http://www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/favors/register.do?view=true>

**K of C Progressive Dinner  
Saturday, August 15, 2009**

**Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres 6:00 – 7:30 pm**

**Dinner 7:30 – 9:30 pm**

**Dessert 9:30 pm - ???**

**It's that time of year again!**

**For those of you who have never joined us in a Progressive Dinner, you're in for a real treat!**

**To be a HOST home, you provide the entrée for two or three other couples (the number of couples depends on what you are comfortable with). Please let us know if you are interested in being a host home.**

**As a GUEST, you will be asked by your host to bring either an hors d'oeuvre for cocktail hour or a salad, vegetable, etc., for dinner.**

**Once we know who wants to be a host and who will be attending as guests, we will assign specific guests to specific hosts. Everyone will be advised who they are assigned to approximately one week prior to the dinner.**

**In the past, these dinners have provided good fun, good friendship, and especially, *good food!***

**Please RSVP to Marcia Berardi (847-9300) by Saturday, August 1, so we have enough time to set-up the individual groups and notify all participants. See you there!**

## from cameron andrus, youth director

Brothers, heralding four major directions for the youth of our catholic community is an exciting announcement to make.

The **Poster/Essay writing contest** will begin this fall for the CCOP classes. The topic for the contest is: "Anti Drug, Anti Drinking" Kids in most age groups should generate some fabulous materials that will be honored by 6043. We will be blessed with a reflection of their awareness. I am asking for a Chairman to enjoy the task of challenging all our young children to draw and write their thoughts.

The **Soccer competition** needs a Chairman that knows about the sport, way better than I do. I played many sports, but soccer's popularity and support came much latter than my school years. This is a competition that has more than one level of event and honor. Brothers, our kids will do well given the opportunity, but they need our mentoring and real support for them to see how far their skills can take them.

The **Free Throw Shooting** contest happens about December, but we have had success with this contest before. I need a Chairman to pick up the connections of our last contest, and include the resources we have this year. The contest is a great tool for any area basketball coach to improve his/her team's foul line averages, not to mention the upper body conditioning of the younger players. This, too, is a multi level contest that needs our mentoring and support for our champions to shine.

6043 is going to start a smaller version of itself, "**Squires**". The young men of our Catholic Community will have a great opportunity to serve in this tradition of mentoring and leadership. Unlike the contests mentioned above, The "Squires" is a program that will start, and be supported by our brothers for year to come. Unlike the contests mentioned above, this program has a separate budget, and mentored by brothers whose goals are to honor our young men as they serve in the Community, Church, and Spirit right alongside the Knights of 6043. These are special lads, maybe only six for the first circle, but what a great beginning for them to be the first. I think the brothers who have boys and time should consider meeting with me for a "Beginning Brainstorm". There is a good feeling with those I have spoken about the "Squires", and after a few minutes with the goals and outlines of this program, I'm so very sure you'll see through the eyes of a young man and wish to be a party to this kind of growth in our community.

All four of these events will be discussed again. I'm hoping your energy is too much to wait, and you will call, email, meet, and smoke signal something to let me know you want to be a part of the hearts of our youth. You can't even imagine how much love these kids have for a guy that loves them so much. The most important thing you can remember about your childhood was who was there for you. I ask now that we return this service to our young in the name of The Father.

## notes from the newsletter editor

Your comments on the Council website are solicited. Take a look at [www.kofc6043.org](http://www.kofc6043.org)

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](mailto: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.**

Thank you.



# prayer list

## Let us pray for our brother knights and their families and friends

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

**Lyssa Pietro**– Daughter of Brother Dom Pietro  
**Susy Cuddy**– Friend of Brother John Rabada  
**Philip Cruz**– Father of Brother Sil Cruz  
**Santos Serrano**– Father of Brother Yonson Serrano  
**Ken & Mei Mei**– Friends of Brother Pete Sugiarto  
**Amy Newton**– Daughter of WGK Mark Kotch  
**Willy Li**– Fraternity Brother of Brother Ernie Santos  
**Ed Culang**– Brother-in-Law of Brother Frank Santos  
**LaRissa, Lidnsay, Tony & Rita**– Friends and mother of Brother Kevin Conway  
**Robert Moore**– Father of Brother John Moore  
**Paul Richard**– Grandfather of Brother Alan Schulze  
**Dustin Kremer**– Father of Brother Ken Kremer  
**Louise Aboudara**– Friend of Brother Jim Garrido  
**Mary Kravitz**– Aunt of Brother John Casey  
**John Nettleton**– Cousin of Brother John Casey  
**Maria Shinn Bouck**– Sister of Brother Rich Shinn  
**Vito Brino**– Friend of Brothers Mike Catrina & George Mirande  
**John Boyer**– Friend of Brother Ron Hansen  
**Albert Jones**– Friend of Brother Michael Burns  
**Carol Christopher**– Aunt of Brother Brian McKeever  
**Jericho Suarez**– Nephew of Brother Alfredo Gatchalian  
**Nancy Struther**– Friend of Brother Mike Catrina  
**Alan Tichenor**– Father of Brother Jeff Tichenor  
**Dana Burke**– Friend of Brother Jeff Tichenor  
**John Tiefenthaler**– Friend of PGK Lou Santero  
**Katie Machi**– Grandaughter of PGK Mike Machi  
**Anthony Ferlazzo, Sr**– Father of PGK Tony Ferlazzo  
**Debbie Barbone**– Friend of PGK Tony Ferlazzo  
**Jan Lowery**– Sister of Brother Tim Mullane  
**Lourdes Henson**– Grandmother of Brother Christian Dungo  
**Rashawna Balestreri**– Wife of PGK Joe Balestreri  
**Ronald Deaver**– Brother Of Audrey Costa  
**Carolyn Drugman**– Wife of Livermore's PGK Drugman  
**Angel Naranjo**

Bro. Tom Gleason's **Niece**  
**Brother George Mirande**  
**Brother Bill Jorgenson**  
**Brother Gabe Kralic** and his wife Betty as they become adoptive parents  
**Brother John Greene**  
**Brother James Willows**  
**Brother Paul Hill**  
**PGK Joe Jones**  
**Margret Jones**—Daughter of PKG Joe Jones  
**PGK Bob Young**  
**PGK George Leja**  
**Guadalupe Garcia**–Wife of PGK Rich Garcia  
**Jesse Stansberry**–Past Field Agent  
**Fr. Augustine Joseph's Mother**  
**Rita Wilson**—Sister of Chaplin Fr. Jerry Kennedy  
**Rev. Dan Danielson**– Retired CCOP Pastor  
**Fr. Tony Herrera**–Past Chaplin of this Council  
**Sr. Mary Frances**–Saint Clare's Retreat House

### For those who are deceased we pray that they will join in the love of God:

**PGK Rich Garcia**  
**Stephen Martin**– Brother of Brother Brian Martin  
**Elena Salvador**– Mother of a Candidate

### For all who are serving in the military we pray:

That the love of God will be with them. Especially those in harms way.

### For the following special intentions we pray:

For All The Widows Of Our Brother Knights  
For all of Our Religious Orders throughout the world.  
For peace throughout the world. (Especially In The Middle East)

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