



# 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,

I hope all of you are well and have recovered from the crab feed. We served over 489 for dinner and dancing. Over 1,500 pounds of crab served and 80 steaks cooked. I think the 40<sup>th</sup> annual crab feed was a huge success. My thanks for all of you that worked so hard to make it a great night. We are so blessed to have Brad Schieferstein the "head crab," and his family for all they do for our council and our parish. I was greeted the morning of the crab feed by Sara and Heather wishing me a happy crab day!

No time for rest as this month continues with a full slate of activities. The Knights are supporting the Parish Night Out on February 13th at John Paul II activity center. We are handling the bar so please sign up to help at the business meeting. The parish is coming together for a night out. Our DJ Joe from the crab feed will be doing his best to get all on the dance floor. Look forward to seeing all of you at the big event. On March 14<sup>th</sup>, we will have our St. Patrick day dinner. More details at the business meeting.

On a serious matter, I want to talk to you about our fellow brothers that are feeling this crazy economy. Brothers are losing jobs, homes, and health care. I am concerned about the families as well as our brothers. We need to remember them in our prayers and we as a council need to work together to find a way to help them in this time of crisis. All 5 councils in our district are seeing the same issues and we together are trying to address this issue. We need to be support to each other and do what we can. I'm open to any suggestions as we move forward to help our fellow brothers.

Our council will be hosting a Third Degree on Sunday March 22. If you need to make your third degree please contact Tim Mullane. Space will be limited so please act quickly. We will need help from some of our brothers to help with this event.

**Mark Kotch**

**Cell Phone: 925-989-1581**

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third year trustee

**PGK Ray Kelly** .....417-1992

## your help is needed for the parish night out

The Knights have been asked to handle the bar for the Parish Night Out (and Center Warming) on Friday, 13 February. A Brother Knight is needed to take charge of the bar. Other Brothers will be need to help with the serving.

## coming events

01 February	Donut Socials; Morning Masses
05 February	Officer's Meeting, 7:00 PM; St. Augustine's Hall, RM 5
12 February	Business Meeting, 7:30 PM; St. Augustine's Hall
13 February	Parish Night Out
01 March	Donut Socials; Morning Masses
05 March	Officer's Meeting, 7:00 PM; St. Augustine's Hall, RM 5
12 March	Business Meeting w/1st Degree Exemplification, 7:30 PM; St. Augustine's Hall
22 March	3rd Degree Exemplification, CCoP
29 March	Founders Mass, 10:00 AM; St. Augustine

## koc council shirts

Brother Knights,

As you know, when a new knight is accepted into the Council, we order a blue polo shirt to be embroidered with the KC coat of arms for him. The shirt is ready to be delivered at the next meeting.

There are several shirts made ready for our new brothers that have not been picked up.

If you have recently joined our Council and not received your shirt, please call me so we can arrange to get your shirt to you.

My phone number is (925) 846-8766, email [HALBMAX@AOL.COM](mailto:HALBMAX@AOL.COM).

Hal Wilson

## from the chancellor

Dear Brothers,

As you may know, we will soon be entering our spring membership drive period. The weekend for our official membership drive has been moved due to a conflict with the parish mission. When we have it rescheduled I will let you know.

We however do not need to await the official drive to begin recruiting. There are several men that expressed interest last year that we have begun contacting again. As you always do before the membership drives we need your help to think and identify 1 practical Catholic man that you believe would be a good Knight. Please either approach him directly, or send me his name to me and I will contact him. If just 1/2 of our brothers can think of a new potential member, we will be off to a great start this spring.

Please keep in mind some important upcoming dates. **The next First degrees are in February.** There are two upcoming First degrees in our district, one on **February 5th** @ St Michaels in Livermore. The second, on **February 22nd** @ St Isidore's in Danville. If you know candidates that you feel are prepared to take the steps toward joining, let me know.

The next 2nd and 3rd degrees in our district are being worked on and we hope to have news for our upcoming business meeting.

Thank you, Tim Mullane

## ron silva memorial coat drive

### To Grand Knight Mark Kotch and the members of Council 6043:

You had asked if I would share a few thoughts regarding the coat drive in Ron's memory and how this event has affected my family. First, let me thank you and your fellow Knights for initiating and sponsoring this activity to help those less fortunate and struggling in their daily lives. Many years ago when Ron gave his jacket to a homeless person, he thought it ended there. Our son, Steve, mentioned it in his eulogy as something which had made an impression on him. And that story has inspired your Council to sponsor this coat drive.

After our fourth year of bringing coats and warm clothing to the needy in Hayward, I see it as a continuation of Ron's spirit. He was always willing to give help when needed and his caring extended to those old and young. Through your efforts and the efforts of many others, this continues. The smiles and looks of appreciation on the faces of those who receive the coats, makes me realize that from great pain and loss great blessings can arise. This also makes me aware that we don't always know what effect a solitary act of kindness may inspire.

Ron continues to live in our memories and it is very touching and appreciated to see him live on in your memory also. As long as you continue, we are here to support you.

God bless.

Nancy (Wife of PGK Ron Silva)

## recent activities:

### council crab feed 2009







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

## knights 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

Please join us when you can

## calling all cooks! calling all would be cooks!

Our calendar this year presents many opportunities for the Knight's to utilize their cooking & kitchen skills.

These events are family activities, so we want to know if you, your wife, or your children are in any way interested in being part of our cooking & serving teams. aka. "The Knight's 2007-08 Who's Who in Cooking Club".

Contact PGK Mike Machi (P) 462-9765 or [mmachi@mricareers.com](mailto:mmachi@mricareers.com) to apply for "Exclusive Membership" for you and your family!

## notes from the newsletter editor

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

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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.

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:

**Al Rosenberg**— Friend of Brother Michael Burns  
**William Minderier**— Friend of Brother Ellis Schott and a Brother Knight  
**Del Naranjo**— Wife of Brother Angel Naranjo  
**Ulises Garcia**—Son of Brother Victor Garcia  
**Sy & Remmy Unpingco**— Parents of Brother Paul Unpingco  
**Dave & Shirley Hintz**— In-Laws of Brother Paul Unpingco  
**Paul Dickerson**—Friend of Brother Cameron Andrus  
**Renee Hewitt**—Mother of Brother Mike Hewitt  
**Bernice Malino**— Mother-in-law of Brother Mike Hewitt  
**Paul Malino**— Father-in-law of Brother Mike Hewitt  
**Vera Crotty**— Sister-in-law of PGK Lou Santero  
**John Crotty**—Brother-in-law of PGK Lou Santero  
**Doug Bosma**—Friend of PGK Lou Santero  
**Mary Ruberto**— Deceased Aunt of PGK Lou Santero  
**Phil Zambetti**— Deceased Friend of PGK Lou Santero  
**Katie Machi**—Grandaughter of PGK Mike Machi  
**Renate Witzel**—Sister-in-Law of PGK Dave Melander  
**Helen Mitras**—Cousin of PGK Ray Kelly  
**Lillian Singleton**—Friend of PGK Ray Kelly  
**Beth Elahmar**— Family friend of PGK Tony Ferlazzo  
**Betty Dawson & Cathy Carlson**— Friends of Brother John Rabada  
**Betty Woodard**— Sister of Brother Tom Hanky  
**Velda McGarvey**— Grandmother-in-Law of Brother Tim Mullane  
**Sharon Emery**— CCOP Pianist  
**Margaret Gilliland**— Mother-In-Law Of Brother Dave Jones  
**Conchi Balestreri**— PGK Joe Balestreri's Grandmother  
**Rashawna Balestreri**—PGK Joe Balestreri's wife  
**Ronald Deaver**— Brother Of Audrey Costa  
**Koko Suarez**— Nephew of Brother Alfredo Gatachalian  
**Aloysius Atuegbu**—Brother of Brother Andy Atuegbu  
**Family** of Brother Andy Atuegbu

**Fr. Emil Wesselsky**—Cousin of Brother Gene Dove  
**Steven Ross**—Friend of Brother Bob Aberle  
**Roger Grace**— Friend of Brother Chuck Bellavia  
**John O'Hara**—Friend of Brother Mike Fazzio  
**Carol Christopher**— Aunt of Brother Brian McKeever  
**Julie Steeves**— Sister of Brother Tim Tuttle  
**Elena Salvador**— Mother of a Candidate  
Bro. Tom Gleason's **Niece**  
**George Mirande**  
**Brother Gabe Kralic**  
**Brother John Greene**  
**Brother James Willows**  
**Jerry Hill**— Brother Of Paul Hill  
**PGK Bob Young**  
**PGK George Leja**  
**PGK Rich Garcia**  
**Guadalupe Garcia**—Wife of PGK Rich Garcia  
**Rev. Dan Danielson**— Retired CCOP Pastor  
**Jesse Stansberry**—Past Field Agent  
**Fr. Tony Herrera**—Past Chaplin of this Council  
**Sr. Mary Frances**—Saint Clare's Retreat House  
**Lourdes Henson**— Grandmother of Brother Christian Dungo  
**Sara Sullivan**—Mother of Pat Chaplin Jim Sullivan

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

**Howard Rabone**—Uncle of Brother Cameron Andrus  
**Lori Maliszewski**—Cousin of PGK Brad Schieferstein  
**Joe Miller**—Friend of Brother Jeff Tichenor

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

That the love of God will be with them. Especially those in harms way.  
**Timothy Dinneen**— Nephew of former District Deputy Vince Dinneen  
Bro. Joseph Languemi's Son **Joseph Languemi, Jr.**  
who set out for the war zone September 8th

### 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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