



knightly news

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grand knight's message



Brothers,

The new Columbian year is here and as our Council prepares for the coming year I want to look back for a brief moment, and thank all the Officers and event chairmen for all their hard work and continued support for the council. It was an honor to work with such fine Officers as Rich Goddu and Dominick Pietro. Last year we had 19 new Brothers join us as Knights. This would not have happened without the total support of the officers and our 1st degree team. Rich and Dom will be missed as officers with the insight that they brought to our council. I hope that both of you will be regular participants at our business meetings and functions.

We have been blessed to have 3 of our priest as Knights, but as all things change, so goes the life of our clergy. Fr. Jim, our past Chaplin, and Fr. Joy, a fairly new 1st degree Knight, have been moved to other parishes by the Bishop. I know you join me in offering whatever support they need as they start their new assignments in their new parish. We loved what they gave to us as Knights and to our families

each Sunday at mass. May God bless the two of you and keep you always. Just know that you are always welcome and have a home with us.

Friday night, June 28th, the Knights supported Vacation Bible School with a cook out. Brother Paul Unpingco chaired the event with many fellow Brothers and many new Brothers. We served over 500 kids, grandparents, and parents, along with staff, volunteers and clergy. It was a great night to see, as our Pastor put it, "To see our parish alive." Paul and Tim Mullane, the council thanks you for your hard work and support at this event.

The progressive dinner is coming up soon and this is a great time for all new Knights to join us with their spouses. Please see the information enclosed and clear the calendar! This is a great night and a time for us as Brothers to gather.

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Columbian Year 2008 - 2009

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Mark Kotch 426-7144

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first year trustee

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second year trustee

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third year trustee

PGK Ray Kelly 417-1992

grand knight's message cont'd

In closing, I want to set a lofty goal for our council this Columbian year in regard to new Brothers. I set this goal now seeing what is possible for this council. We have support at all levels of the parish and are respected for what we do as a council. **We are respected** by our clergy **and have had current and** new parishioners approach me after mass because **they** see the Knights at work. Some of you may not believe that tradition is important to me, but it is. We have strong leaders of the Council and great CEO-type Officers running the council. So with this in mind, I have set our new member goal at 41 to match the number of years of our Councils founding. God bless all of you and your families and have a great and safe summer. Don't be a stranger at our meetings or events!

Mark Kotch

Cell Phone: 925-989-1581

officer elections are in! congratulations!

The following new/experienced brothers were elected as your Council's Officers at the June Business Meeting:

Worthy Grand Knight	Mark Kotch
Deputy Grand Knight	Ron Hebron
Chancellor	Tim Mullane
Treasurer	PGK Chuck Berardi
Recorder	Mike Hewitt
Warden	Bill Jorgensen
Inside Guard	John Rabada
Outside Guard	Gene Dove

K of C Progressive Dinner

Saturday July 19, 2008

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

Dinner 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Dessert 9:30 - ???

Back by popular demand!

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

As a HOST you provide the entrée for two or three other couples (the number of couples depends on your space and what you're 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 will be hosts 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.

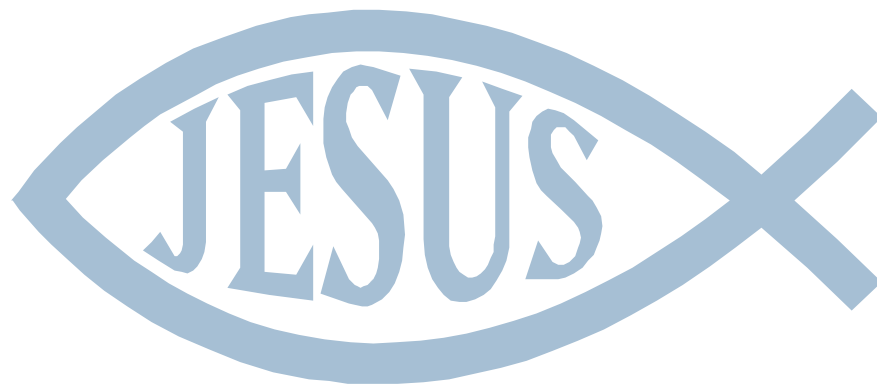
In the past these dinners have provided good fun, good friendship, and especially --- *good food!!*

Please RSVP to Marcia Berardi (847-9300) by Saturday, **June 28**, so we have enough time to set-up the individual groups and notify all participants. See you there!

COUNCIL 6043 retreat for 2008

Brothers, the Knights Retreat for 2008 will once again be held at St. Clare's Retreat House, in the Santa Cruz Mountains on the weekend after Labor Day, September 5, 6 & 7.

Save that weekend. Our retreats have been a joy for all in attendance.



fr. augustine joseph

For those who may have missed it, the following article was published in the June 23, 2008 issue of THE CATHOLIC VOICE

'Command to proclaim,' priestly family history are inspiration for new parish leader at St. Felicitas

By Gerald Korson
Voice correspondent

The roots of Christianity in India go back to St. Thomas the Apostle, who preached the Gospel there in the first century in response to Jesus' instruction to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:19-20).

It is that very episode in Scripture that has long animated the priestly ministry of Father Augustine Joseph, a native of India who took up duties as parochial administrator of St. Felicitas Parish in San Leandro on June 1.

"That's the command to proclaim," Father Joseph told The Catholic Voice in a recent telephone interview. "This passage has always moved me from the early days of my life."

His call to the priesthood was not all that surprising because he comes from a Catholic family that has been the source of many priestly and religious vocations over the years.

"Our family has a very rich priestly culture dating back centuries," said Father Joseph. The diaries of a relative who was a priest several generations ago provided an inspiring witness in his youth.

Father Joseph has served at parishes in the Diocese of Oakland for most of the last 11 years. He was incardinated into the diocese in May.

Born in Kerala in 1961 as the youngest of three children, Father Joseph entered the minor seminary at the age of 15 and was ordained a priest of the Salesians of Don



Father
Augustine
Joseph

Bosco in 1990. He spent most of his next 17 years teaching philosophy at the major seminary of Salesian College in Dimapur. He also lectured at other Indian seminaries and for one year served as principal of a mission elementary school.

He first came to the United States in 1997 to study for a doctoral degree in education at the University of San Francisco, during which time he resided and assisted at St. Patrick Parish in Rodeo. After completing his doctorate, Father Joseph returned to India to establish a college to train and credential teachers and to serve as its principal.

His pastoral experience in the Oakland Diocese left a positive impression on him, and likewise he won approval from the now retired Bishop John Cummins. "I came for studies, and I decided to stay back," Father Joseph said. "The bishop invited me to stay."

So after three years administering the teaching college he had founded in India, Father Joseph decided to return. He was parochial vicar for three years at St. Isidore Parish, Danville, and for another three years at the Catholic Community of Pleasanton. He was transferred to Good Shepherd Parish in Pittsburg earlier this year before arriving at his present assignment in San Leandro.

Father Joseph said he finds great fulfillment in parish work. "I enjoy serving people and bringing them a message of hope, the message of the Gospel," he said. "I like going out to families, building up family life and prayer within families."

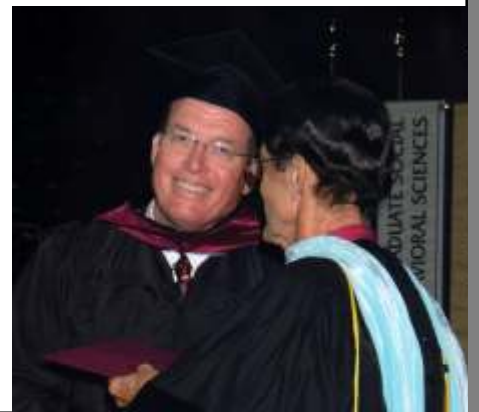
He said he finds ministering in the United States "much easier" than in India because Catholics here are more knowledgeable about the faith. "Here we can learn from the people," Father Joseph said. His favorite Catholic devotion is to Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

A librarian during his seminary days, Father Joseph retains a love for reading, with a preference for Church history and "spiritual books that help us to meditate and pray, such as the Ignatian spiritual exercises," he said. He likes to keep up with papal documents and important new books. A recent favorite was "Jesus of Nazareth," by Pope Benedict XVI.

"I like novels, but lately I have not been able to read much," Father Joseph said, although he does keep up with current newspapers and magazines. He enjoys "almost all sports" and has played basketball, soccer and volleyball. He enjoys swimming in the warmer months, he said.

BROTHER CAMERON ANDRUS CELEBRATES HIS FIRST YEAR AS AN EDUCATOR

Brother Cameron Andrus, shown at right at the start of his educator career, is reminded again "of how many helping hands and brilliant minds have blessed me in this educational opportunity."



a note from the pastor

Dear Mark,

I would be very grateful if you as Grand Knight, would convey to the Knights my sincere appreciation for all they did to make our "Bingo Thank You" dinner such a memorable occasion for young and old. It was truly a parish celebration.

The set up, decoration, wine, superb food and attentiveness to the guests was wonderful. What I really appreciated was the fact that as a group you served the guests at the tables rather than buffet type. Hence we could spend quality time together at the tables. You came across to parishioners as a very cohesive group of ministers, happy to be called to serve. I talked to about five men who are interested in the Knights. I think you have their names. I am always recommending the Knights Ministry – it is so key to our community.

I was delighted so many accepted our invitation . Bingo Ministry was tough as we heard from some of the stories. Fr. Joy has prepared a fabulous set of pictures. Since he is a Knight, I'm sure he will send you a set!!!!

I feel so blessed to have the Knights as such an integrated ministry in our community. I assure you, I deeply appreciate all your "yesses" to the many calls to serve . You are true role models for our young men in the community.

I trust you know that we priests are here for each of you and your ministry.

May God continue to bless us and our ministries ,

Fr. Padraig

coming events

03 July	Officer's Meeting, 7:00 PM; Mark Kotch's home
06 July	Donuts
10 July	Business Meeting, 7:30 PM; St. Augustine's Hall
19 July	Progressive Dinner
02/03 August	Membership Drive; St. Augustine's
03 August	Donuts
07 August	Officer's Meeting, 7:00 PM; St. Augustine's Hall
08 August	Stand-Down Lunch Service; Alameda County Fairground
14 August	Business Meeting, 7:30 PM; St. Augustine's Hall
21 August	Membership Info Night; St. Augustine
05/07 Sept.	Knight's Retreat; St. Clare's Retreat House

Brothers

I want to thank each of you for your support Friday night for the VBS bbq. It is events like this that reminds me why I joined the Knights of Columbus. We efficiently served over 500 people, in a short window of time.

Special thanks go out to all our new members who came out in force. I've received a ton of positive feedback and you are all to be commended for a job well done. For those who had to leave before the closing ceremony, Mike Gallagher acknowledged the Knights for our support to the parish community.

My apologies in advance if this message doesn't reach everyone who helped. As always, many brothers from our council literally just show up and pitch in without signing up in advance.

God bless,
Paul Unpingco
VBS bbq chair

Thanks to Brother Tim Mullane for the photos below!



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

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 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

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Thank you.

prayer requests

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:

Remmy Unpingco—Mother of Brother Paul Unpingco

Del Naranjo— Wife of Brother Angel Naranjo

Ulises Garcia—Son of Brother Victor Garcia

Leung Tse—Mother-in-law of Brother Gabe Kralik

Howard Rabone—Uncle of Brother Cameron Andrus

Charlotte Machi—Wife of PGK Mike Machi, Sr.

Kellie Machi— Wife of PGK Mike Machi, Jr.

Chuck Mith— Father-in Law of PGK Mike Machi

Paul Malino— Father-in-law of Brother Mike Hewitt

Bernice Malino— Mother-in-law of Brother Mike Hewitt

Ray Hollister— Uncle of Brother Mike Hewitt

Eddie Hewitt— Uncle 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

Betty Dawson & Cathy Carlson— Friends of Brother John Rabada

Betty Woodard— Sister of Brother Tom Hanky

Lori Maliszewski—Cousin of PGK Brad Schieferstein

Jim Baker— Uncle of PGK Brad Schieferstein

Lauren Mallane— Daughter of Brother Tim Mullane

Velda McGarvey— Grandmother-in-Law of Brother Tim Mullane

Mary Mockler—Sister of Brother Tim Mullane

Rev. Dan Danielson— Retired CCOP Pastor

Sharon Emery— CCOP Pianist

Scott Pietro— Son Of Dom Pietro

Bob Reese— Deceased Friend of Brother Dom Pietro

Chris Houston— Deceased Friend of Brother Dom Pietro

Margaret Gilliland— Mother-In-Law Of Brother Dave Jones

Amy Kotch— WGK Mark Kotch's Daughter

Pat Wilson—Mother-in-Law of WGK Mark Kotch

Paul Radacaik— Friend of WGK Mark Kotch

Paul Miceli— Friend of WGK Mark Kotch

Conchi Balestreri— PGK Joe Balestreri's Grandmother

Rashawna Balestreri—PGK Joe Balestreri's wife

Ronald Deaver— Brother Of Audrey Costa

Mary Lou Labord— Wife of Brother Henri Labord

Koko Suarez— Nephew of Brother Alfredo Gatachalian

Dan Valluci— Friend of Brother Michael Burns

Roger Grace— Friend of Brother Chuck Bellavia

Bro. Tom Gleason's Niece

Brother Gabe Kralic

Brother John Greene

Brother James Willows

Jerry Hill— Brother Of Paul Hill

PGK Bob Young

PGK Rich Garcia

Lupe Garcia— Wife Of PGK Rich Garcia

Alan Garrett— Fran Ferlazzo's Cousin

Fr. Tony Herrera—Past Chaplin of this Council

Sr. Mary Frances—Saint Clare's Retreat House

Mateo Garcia— Friend of Fr. Jim Sullivan

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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