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Upcoming Events

All events are at the council hall, unless otherwise noted.

PWID—Sacred Heart	Nov. 4-5 all Mass
Council Business Mtg	Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m.
PWID—Ascension	Nov. 18-19 all Mass
Memorial Mass	Nov. 21, 7 p.m.
Church of the Ascension	
THANKSGIVING	Nov. 23
Council Officers Mtg.	Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m.
Admissions Degree	Nov. 30, 7:00 p.m.
Council Business Mtg.	Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m.
CHRISTMAS	Dec. 25
Council Officers Mtg.	Dec. 27, 7:30 p.m.
Admissions Degree	Dec 28, 7:00 p.m.

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Grand Knight's Message

My Brothers,

I invite each of you to our annual Memorial Mass on November 21 at the Church of the Ascension. We will remember our brother knights who have passed away. Further details can be found in the *Mace*.

This reminds me that each of us needs to think about what we can do for the council. Our active members are getting pulled thin, and we need a few of our less active members to step forward. Do you like working with youth? Our basketball free throw competition is coming up soon, and we'll need volunteers to help out at St. Joseph of Cupertino and Queen of Apostles Schools in January. Do you like socializing with your fellow members? Perhaps

volunteer to help set up the hall for our annual Christmas Party. Do you enjoy bringing happiness and the love of Christ to your neighbors? Then consider volunteering a Wednesday morning to lead the Rosary at the Cupertino Healthcare and Wellness Center.

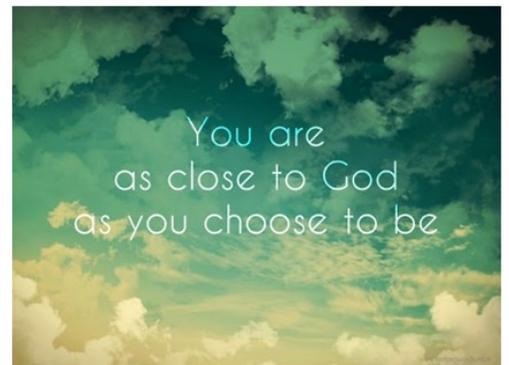
Each of us has something we can do, and by working with the knights, we can magnify our own labors by involving the whole council. As you read this edition of the *Mace*, please prayerfully consider in what ways you can increase your activity with your brothers in this council.

Fraternally,
John Pozniak

Chaplain's Message

Being Near to God

If you draw near to God he will draw near to you. And it is prayer in all forms that opens the door to building that closeness and trust in God. We were created by God to know, love and serve him. He has many gifts and challenges that he wants to set before us. So it is important to establish that link. It's like having an open phone line 24/7/365. Even when we are sleeping, God is in our thoughts. Many times he will send his messengers, like he sent the prophets to his chosen people, leading them keeping them from harm and even disciplining them when they got off course. Most importantly, if we draw near to God we will receive his grace. And grace puts us in the right frame of mind to make good choices as we live our lives.



His grace sparks our conscience when we have an important decision to make. Grace can help us to overcome our own selfishness, pride and other sinful tendencies that Satan is always offering as the alternative.

Fr. Joe

Omnium-gatherum

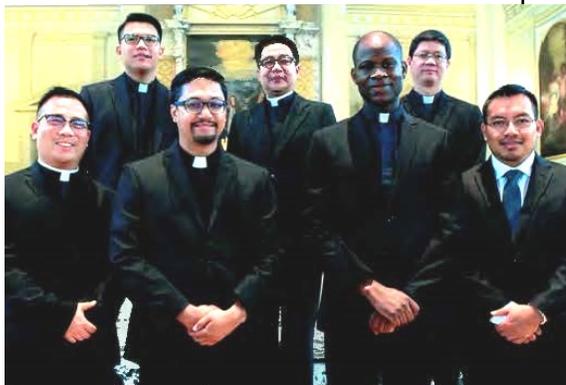
By Jim Schaaf

Impoliteness... While reading a Perry Mason thriller from 1959 entitled, "The Case of the Deadly Toy," I happened to notice the following nicety from a Mr. Horace Selkirk, a millionaire, at his estate on a warm day to Perry Mason: "It's a little warm today but not really warm enough here in the patio where it's really delightful, just shirtsleeve weather, and if Miss Street has no objection you might as well slip off your coat and be comfortable." Asking permission from a woman present before taking off one's jacket? What's that all about? It was considered impolite for men to take off their jackets in the presence of women in social settings. At large gatherings men had to keep their jackets on no matter how uncomfortable unless and only unless the Host or Hostess announced that it was permissible for men to remove their jackets. I can recall at some recent formal dances where some men removed their jackets and the Host went up to them and informed them that they must put the jacket back on. Those men never came back to any other formal dance put on by that organization. How mores change! How the definition of impoliteness changes!

Year of Mercy... Pope Francis promulgated the Extraordinary Jubilee Year dedicated to Mercy. That year ran from December 8, 2015 – the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, Mary – until November 20, 2016 – the Solemnity of Christ, the King of the Universe. Near the end of that jubilee year the United States elected a new president. Was the outcome of that election an outcome of the Jubilee Year of Mercy? Only God knows and maybe we will know better as time passes.

Power of Prayer... When I was in Catholic School every Low Mass (which we attended every day) was ended with prayers for the fall of godless communism. As most of the parishioners were of Eastern European descent, this made a lot of sense, and was usually done with much fervor by the congregation. Well, we did this for years and years until the New Mass came after Vatican Council II. I thought that these prayers that were said for so long with such devotion were in vain. Then 1989! The Berlin Wall came crashing down and the communist empire with it. Wow! I thought. Those prayers were answered just not in the time frame we all expected. After all, God has never been an ATM – prayers go in, favors come out instantly. God has his own calendar and we must get accustomed to it.

The crumpled widow's mite... Being an usher and doing the collection count every five weekends are both necessary but pleasurable tasks. There are many, many one dollar bills in the collections from all Masses. Not only are these bills plentiful but a great many of them are crumpled into little balls or are folded into little squares. Many people drop the bills into the collection basket with their hand on top so that the bill falls into the collection basket without much chance of the denomination being spotted by anyone. It got me to thinking, is that what the widow did when she put in her mite? Was she



Our DSJ Seminarians give thanks.

Thank you so much for your support and generosity!
Rebecca

To K&C Council 4981,
Thank you brothers for your generosity and support for vocations. May God abundantly bless you
-Victor

Thank you, God Bless You!
Sisters
-John Hoang continues to bless you & your council.
-Don. Francis K.

We are so grateful to God for your generosity. May God bless you and your family.

Thank you very much!!!
Thank you for the coat and everything else you do for us; We really appreciate it May God Bless you and your family - Manuel Barrios

YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS WAS A BLESSING!

Dear Brother Knight,
Thank you very much for your support. May the Lord bless you and your families.
Don Eric

GOD WILL GENEROUSLY PROVIDE ALL YOU NEED.
II CORINTHIANS 9:8 NLT

Thanks and God bless you all! - Don. Edgema

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Council of Vatican II in 1962-1965 A.D. – Part II

By Jim Schaaf

This is continuation of last month's column.

Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishops in the Church – October 1965.

A bishop should be especially concerned about catechetical instruction. Its function is to develop in men a living, explicit and active faith, enlightened by doctrine. It should be very carefully imparted, not only to children and adolescents but also to young people and even adults. A bishop should be solicitous for the welfare – spiritual, intellectual, and material – of his priests, so they may live holy and pious lives, and exercise a faithful and fruitful ministry. A bishop should be compassionate and helpful to those priests who are in any kind of danger or who have failed in some respect.

Decree on the Up-To-Date Renewal of Religious Life – October 1965.

Since the final norm of the religious life is the following of Christ as it is put before us in the Gospel, this must be taken by all institutes as the supreme rule. It is for the good of the Church that institutes have their own proper characters and functions. Therefore the spirit and aims of each founder should be faithfully accepted and retained, as should each institute's sound traditions.

Decree on the Training of Priests – October 1965.

Before seminarians commence their specifically ecclesiastical studies, they should already have received that literary and scientific education which is prerequisite to higher studies in their country. In addition they should acquire a knowledge of Latin which will enable them to understand and make use of so many scientific sources and of the documents of the Church.

Declaration on Christian Education – October 1965.

Teachers must remember that it depends chiefly on them whether the Catholic school achieves its purpose. They should

therefore be prepared for their work with special care, having the appropriate qualifications and adequate learning both religious and secular. They should also be skilled in the art of education in accordance with the discoveries of modern times.

Declaration on the Relations of the Church to Non-Christian Religions – October 1965.

Over the centuries many quarrels and dissensions have arisen between Christians and Muslims. The sacred Council now pleads with all to forget the past, and urges that a sincere effort be made to achieve mutual understanding; for the benefit of all men, let them together preserve and promote peace, liberty, social justice and moral values. Since Christians and Jews have such a common spiritual heritage, this sacred Council wishes to encourage and further mutual understanding and appreciation. This can be obtained, especially, by way of biblical and theological enquiry and through friendly discussions.

Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation – November 1965.

Since, therefore, all that the inspired authors, or writers, affirm should be regarded as affirmed by the Holy Spirit, we must acknowledge that the books of Scripture, firmly, faithfully, and without error, teach that truth which God, for the sake of our salvation, wished to see confided to the sacred Scripture. Seeing that, in sacred Scripture, God speaks through men in human fashion, it follows that the interpreter of sacred Scriptures, if he is to ascertain what God has wished to communicate to us, should carefully search out the meaning which the sacred writers really had in mind, that meaning which God had thought well to manifest through the medium of their words.



Prayer Requests

The following Brother Knights, their families, and friends are remembered in the monthly Rosary which is held prior to the Council's Business Meeting. If any member wishes to submit a name or remove a name from the list, please

telephone the Fraternal Affairs Chairman, John Lehane, at 408-257-3452.

Brother Joseph Adamo

Brother Frank Simon's wife Virginia

Brother Art Salazar

Brother Ron Miller's wife Shirley

Brother Harry Tibbett's wife Diane

Brother Harry Tibbett's mother-in-law Marie Dunajski

Brother Paul Muller

Brother John Lehane

Brother Ted Wyess

Brother Ted Wyess' wife Ann

Brother John Shields

Trisha McManaman daughter of Brother John Ruzzo

Nini Cardoza sister-in-law of Brother Al Mellin

Deceased

Rose Shields, daughter of John and Marilyne Shields (11/2/16)

Madeline G. Neenan, wife of Brother John Neenan† (12/27/16)

Rose Haney, widow of Brother Paul Haney, PGK (2/17/17)

Olga Firpo, relative of Brother John Steffens (3/23/17)

Emilio Firpo father-in-law of Brother John Steffens (4/27/17)

Brother Robert Cancellieri (5/25/17)

Joan Schoengold mother of Brother Ron Schoengold (6/19/17)

Bernadette Foley wife of Brother John Foley (6/30/17)

Carol Copley, wife of Brother Bill Copley (9/17)

Monthly Attendance Raffle

The winner of the monthly raffle was **Dennis Heinz** who was not present. The raffle will be **\$180** this month.

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

St. Joseph of Cupertino Hall
Cupertino, CA 95014

BINGO HELP WANTED!

**THE MONEY WE RAISE GOES TO
CHARITY**

VOLUNTEER
Every Monday
Every Other Monday
Once a Month on Monday
Be On Call

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rolufs@aol.com



Francis Hopkins
John Foley
Thomas Hastings
Philip Dean

Bob Rolufs
Joseph Mc Bride
Tom Gaynor

May your life be long and joyfull!

Visitation and Rosary Prayer Group



Brother Knights of St. Francis of Assisi Council 4981 conduct a Rosary Prayer Service for the Catholic patients at the Cupertino Wellness Center every Wednesday at 10 a.m. These Knights are John Lehane, John Steffens, John Ruzzo and Dick Sherman.

Each Knight takes one week of the month as his commitment. If he is not available for his week, he trades his week with one of the other Knights. To date, this has proved successful. The patients meet with four different individuals of a strong Catholic faith and each individual knight only has to commit to one weekday a month.

Join Your Brother Knights and American Legion Stevens Creek Post 642

In Sponsoring *Wreaths Across America*



Remember Honor Teach

December 16, 2017

a Nationwide celebration

Ceremony at 10:00 AM

At Gate of Heaven Cemetery

22555 Cristo Rey Dr.
Los Altos, CA 94024

To lay wreaths on each veteran's grave.

\$15 per wreath payable to American Legion Post 642

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c/o Dennis Whittaker
PO Box 302
Cupertino, CA 95015

For more information about Wreaths Across America please visit:

www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org

Treasurer's Report

Income for September 2017

Charities	\$ 821.00
Dues	\$ 220.00
Interest on Savings (Capital One)	6.74
Interest on Savings CD	27.94
	<u>\$ 1,075.68</u>

Expenses for September 2017

Charities	\$ 1,000.00
Computer & Web Exp.	32.43
Council Rent	1,000.00
Council Supplies	32.10
KofC Picnic	238.39
MACE Printing	157.25
Postage	58.55
Supreme Catholic Advertising	109.50
Supreme per Capita	26.58
	<u>\$ 2,654.80</u>

Directors & Chairmen

Program Director

Al Mellin

Church Director

John Pozniak

- Vocations** *John Steffens*
- McGivney Shrine** *Ron Schoengold*
- Bingo** *Bob Rolufs*
- Parish Round Tables**
 - Queen of Apostles *Bob Rolufs*
 - Sacred Heart in Saratoga *open*
 - St. Joseph of Cupertino *Joe Kenney*
 - Church of the Ascension *Ron Schoengold*

Community Director

Joe Kenney

- Culture of Life** *Joe Kenney*
- Charities** *Bob Rolufs*
- Divine Mercy & Rosary Visitation** *John Lehane*
- Food for Families** *Dick Sherman/
Bob Rolufs*
- People with Intellectual Disabilities** *Bob Rolufs*
- Mass of Reparation** *Dominic Guido*
- Community Projects** *Round Table Members*
- Breakfast Supreme** *Ron Schoengold*

Council Director

John Lehane

- Fraternal Affairs** *John Lehane*
- First Degree Team** *John Pozniak*
- Public Relations** *open*
- Website** *Ron Schoengold*
- Communications** *Ron Schoengold*
- Past Grand Knights Dinner** *Bob Rolufs*
- Special Appreciation Night** *Patrick Kwok*
- Building Manager** *John Lehane*
- McGivney Pilgrimage** *John Pozniak*

Family Director

Bob Rolufs

- Leisure Nights** *Bob Rolufs*
- Memorial Mass** *John Lehane*
- Ladies Night** *John Steffens*
- Ice Cream Social** *Grand Knight Elect*
- Christmas Dinner** *Ron Schoengold*
- Annual Picnic** *Bob Rolufs*

Youth Director

John Lehane

- Scholarship Program** *John Lehane*
- Altar Servers Appreciation** *Patrick Kwok*
- Free Throw Contest** *Dominic Guido*
- Essay Contest** *John Lehane*

Membership & Retention

Council Officers



Shrine renovation



PWID Drive at St. Joseph of Cupertino

Insurance Message

November 2017

Economic and financial change happens at such a fast pace that it is often difficult to sort out the important issues that affect us directly. That is why I try to send periodic messages throughout the year to help my fellow Knights and clients keep up-to-date. I think this

The chance of retirement lasting 30 years is no longer a surprise, but handling unexpected medical expenses may be. Here's one example:
The predicted average out-of-pocket medical expenses for a healthy 65-year old couple retiring today is \$266,589.*
That's not even including the costs of long term care or dentistry.
Have you considered pre-retirement solutions?

Retirement is not a race to a goal line.
It's a phase of life...but, could you face disappointment during your retirement years due to unexpected financial challenges?

month's message is very relevant. Please let me know if I can provide further details.

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There may be numerous financial solutions available that may make your retirement "phase of life" even more secure and golden.
Don't delay.
Get the information.
Then YOU decide.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is discord, unity.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is error, truth.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness, joy.

Oh Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

November 2017

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