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Upcoming Events

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

- Council Business Mtg. Jan 2, 7:30 p.m.
- Breakfast Supreme Jan 14, 7:45 a.m.—1 p.m., Church of the Ascension
- Information Night Ascension Jan 17, 7:00 p.m.
- Admissions Degree Jan 25, 7:00 p.m.
- Council Officers Mtg. Jan 31, 7:30 p.m.
- Council Business Mtg. Feb 6, 7:30 p.m.
- Admissions Degree Feb 22, 7:00 p.m.
- Council Officers Mtg. Feb 28, 7:30 p.m.

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Grand Knight's Message

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Do you know any Catholic men who would benefit from joining the Knights? The answer is yes — all Catholic men and their families will benefit greatly from membership in our order. Therefore, it is our solemn responsibility to ensure each Catholic man has been invited to join the Knights of Columbus. So, next time you're at Mass, find a man you don't know, introduce yourself, shake his hand, and ask him if he's ever been invited to join the Knights of Columbus. Make sure you have a Form 100 or interest card and pen ready, as we don't want to lose a good member because we were not prepared. You can make this one

of your New Year's Resolutions, to take more action recruiting new members.

Our annual Breakfast Supreme will be held at Ascension after all morning Masses on January 14. This is a fundraiser for our vocations scholarships. It's also an excellent opportunity to talk to some parishioners at Ascension about the benefits of joining the Knights of Columbus. So, please volunteer to help cook, serve, clean up, or just come on by and be social. Contact the Worthy Advocate Ron Schoengold 408-309-9830 for ticket information.

Fraternally,

John Pozniak

Chaplain's Message

A new year is God's way of saying: "No matter where you've been or what you've been through, you can always start fresh."

Happy New Year

Beginning the New Year 2018 is a good time to look back at the recent past and determine if we have done our best to seek holiness and if we want to make new strides in the future. It's a time to look forward and decide what changes need to be made for me to be a better person. As we reflect, we sometimes discover that we are not meeting our own expectations. If we want to change that impression of ourselves, this is an excellent time to begin the process. Set some achievable goals for 2018 that will help fill your life with grace and holiness in your service to family and others that are seeking

your help. Start small so you can realize success early. God wants you to succeed and gives each of us the grace to make it happen. Always remember that as Knights we are

called to be good stewards of the talents, time, money and possessions our Lord gave us. Make the commitment today to use those talents for those whom we serve. Visit our shrine at Church of the Ascension during the Christmas and New Year season and ask Fr. McGivney to help you set your new spiritual goals for 2018.

Fr. Joe

Earthquake!!

By Jim Schaaf

"We live in earthquake country." This comes as no surprise to most of us who have heard this bromide for years and years. "Be prepared for the 'big one.'" Again, this is not new to us. We have retrofitted our homes, have supplies on hand to live independently for five days, have emergency radios (with fresh batteries), and have a designated family meeting spot in the event of a quake. We remember 1989 – Loma Prieta – and recall photos and tales of 1906 – San Andreas. We may even have earthquake insurance.

But have you ever thought about preparing spiritually for an earthquake? There is a patron saint for protection from earthquakes! St. Emydius (or Emygdus) is just such a patron saint. He was martyred circa 304 A.D. His feast day is August 9.

Emydius was from Trier on the banks of the Moselle River in what is now western Germany across the River from Luxembourg. He fled to Rome after destroying a pagan shrine. In Rome he was baptized a Christian but continued his destructive bent toward all things pagan. He tore down pagan altars and statues. He fled to a small town in eastern Italy called Ascoli Picano. This village was founded hundreds of years before the city of Rome. In Ascoli Picano he eventually ran afoul of the Roman authorities and was beheaded.

There are three structures in Ascoli Picano dedicated to St. Emydius: the cathedral; the "red

temple," a small, octagonal, red-brick oratory marking the spot where he was martyred; and, a small oratory which he built and in which he is buried. Legend has it that when he was martyred at the spot of the "red temple" he picked up his severed head and carried it to his oratory for his burial.

So, why is he the patron saint of protection from earthquakes? It seems he had a penchant for destroying all things pagan. Should we pray to St. Emydius to intercede in hopes that earthquakes only destroy the pagan things in our lives and not the Christian ones that lead to salvation? Nice idea, but, no. He is the patron saint of protection from earthquakes because in 1703 a violent earthquake devastated the region around Ascoli Picano but did not do any harm to that small town. The residents believed this was a miracle and that it was due to the intercession of St. Emydius. Ever since, he has been the patron saint for protection against earthquakes.

There is a church in San Francisco named after St. Emydius. (It seems so appropriate to have a church named after this patron saint in a city that was rocked by earthquakes.) The church is in the Ingleside District. The parish was founded in 1913 and the church was built in 1928.

St. Emydius, be part of our protection from earthquakes!

Photos from Council 4981 Christmas Party



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Solemnities

By Jim Schaaf

In the current calendar of the Roman Rite there are three levels of Mass celebration: Solemnities, Feasts, and Memorials. This coming year I plan to explore the highest level Masses – Solemnities – with monthly articles.

Solemnities are the Church's preeminent Masses. These Masses celebrate the very cornerstones and building blocks of the Faith. In all, there are 24 days of the year on which a solemnity is celebrated in the United States. But unless you attend daily Mass you will only attend thirteen of them on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. (In the diocese of San Jose it is usually only twelve as January 1 has not been a Holy Day of Obligation for at least the past 10 to 15 years.)

What is different in a Mass that's a Solemnity from other Masses? For one, the priest may frequently choose to use incense as an integral part of the Liturgy. And, there are usually three readings (including the Gospel) plus a Responsorial Psalm during the Liturgy of the Word. This is unlike most daily Masses where there are only two readings (including the Gospel) and a Responsorial Psalm. Secondly, the Gloria and Creed are generally said. Again, this is unlike normal daily Mass when neither of these congregation-participation prayers is said. Very often a Solemnity has its own Preface. Some Solemnities even have a Sequence said or sung between the second reading and the Gospel. Many solemnities have a Vigil Mass that contains different prayers for the Collect, the Prayer over the Gifts, and the Post-communion prayer. Sometimes even the readings and Psalm are different for the Vigil Mass. As you can see, the structure of a Solemnity is quite similar to Sunday Mass without the special Preface or a

Sequence. Recall that every Sunday is a celebration of Easter – the Lord's Day. So even though not precisely called Solemnities, Sunday Masses are like Solemnities because they recall to us the Resurrection of Jesus on that Easter Sunday which is, of course, a Solemnity.

The two dozen Solemnities are: Easter – called the Solemnity of Solemnities; the Monday through Saturday of Easter week; the second Sunday of Easter also called Divine Mercy Sunday, Low Sunday, or Quasi modo Sunday; the Nativity of the Lord; Pentecost; The Ascension of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Most Holy Trinity; The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (nee Corpus Christi); The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; All Saints; Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe; The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; The Nativity of St. John the Baptist; St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary; The Epiphany of the Lord; and, The Annunciation of the Lord.

Slightly more than half of the Solemnities are Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation in the United States. The ones that are not obligatory are this elite eleven: Easter Monday through Easter Saturday (of course); Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Sacred Heart of Jesus; the Nativity of St. John the Baptist; St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and, the Annunciation of the Lord.

So, beginning next month we'll take a look at the Solemnities to see if we can better discover the beauty and the teachings contained in these most important Masses.

Prayer Requests



The following Brother Knights, their families, and friends are remembered in the monthly Rosary which is held each month 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

Emma Firpo, mother-in-law of Brother
John Steffens

Deceased

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)



Joseph Fitzsimmons	Jim Mathews
John Mc Laughlin	Edgar Manalo
Ernest Camacho	William Copley
Terrence Maguire	Alvin Mellin
Peter De Kruiif	Mark Walljasper
Matthew Bordoni	Joseph Kenney
John Aguilar	Albert Pina
Scott Fitinghoff	Michael Deegan
Rev. Alan Arnone	Robert O Brien

May your life be long and joyfull!

Treasurer's Report

Income for November 2017

MRP Program	\$ 2,903.95
Interest on Savings (Capital One)	6.36
Interest on Savings CD	33.56
	<u>\$ 2,943.87</u>

Expenses for November 2017

Chaplain's Fund	\$ 500.00
Charities, Local Programs	1,000.00
Computer & Web Exp.	110.00
Council Rent	1,000.00
Council Supplies	12.69
Fr. McGivney Shrine	1,260.00
Leisure Night	145.43
MACE Printing	32.37
Postage	19.60
State Per Capita	829.10
Vocations	32.67
	<u>\$4,941.86</u>

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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Monthly Attendance Raffle

The winner of the monthly raffle was **Patrick Kwok**, the Financial Secretary who was present to receive the prize of \$185. The raffle will begin again at \$5 this month.

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


Insurance

Maintaining consistent connection with my fellow Knights and clients is a core value of how I try to keep everyone up-to-date with important financial information. If you ever want more details on a topic, you can call me to request it. Here is my newest topic. I think it's worth your time reviewing.




Having an effective wealth strategy is a critical component to achieving financial goals.

However, many people have old financial strategies that may be performing inefficiently, as compared to new strategies in today's tax and financial environment.



Strategies that are more than 5 years old should be reviewed.

Remaining unaware of newer strategies is never advantageous, especially when laws change.



Just ask!

Having the most current strategic information may prove invaluable when your objective is to maintain an effective wealth strategy.

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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.

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.

January 2018

January 2018						
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February 2018						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 31	Jan 1, 18	2 7:30pm Council Business Meeting	3	4	5	6
7	8 BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	9	10	11	12	13
14 Breakfast Supreme (Ascension)	15 BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	16	17 7:00pm Information Night (Ascension)	18	19	20
21	22 BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	23	24	25 7:00pm Admissions Degree	26	27
28	29 4:30pm BINGOBINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino) (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	30	31 7:30pm Council Officers Meeting	Feb 1	2	3

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