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## Upcoming Events

All events are virtual until further notice.

Council Bus. Mtg. Aug. 2, 7:30 p.m.  
Bob Roluf Memorial Aug. 6, 12:00 p.m.  
Council Bus. Mtg. Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m.

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## Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

August is here, summer heat envelopes us even as days grow shorter by two minutes a day now. Enjoy outdoor activities as safely as you can.

August is the second month of the Columbian year 2022-2023. We continue to have vacancies in a number of officer positions and welcome members wishing to step into a leadership role. I invite all council members to join the virtual business meetings and social time typically held on the first Tuesday at 8:00 pm. Check in to see what is going on and how you might help. There might

even be an attendance raffle virtual lucky draw!

The memorial service for Bob Rolufs, PGK is Saturday 6 August, 12:00 noon at Queen of Apostles church. See this Mace for more details. Please consider attending the service. Bob was an active member of our council for decades. Honor him with your presence. Remember all our members that have passed on.

Keep safe, support your families, council and parishes.

Love and Hope,

## Chaplain's Message

### Mirroring God's Love in Difficult Times

Finding Jesus in difficult times is challenging. Jesus taught us to approach our difficulties with an open heart listening carefully to how we should respond. As Knights, we are called to reflect God's love by accepting the hard times and the good times as part of our human nature. We don't know what challenges each day will bring. So when hard times come, as they inevitably do, we need to be ready to call upon the Lord. He is our safety net, always present, watching what's happening. How we respond to these situations can

draw us closer to God's goodness and faithfulness. Look in the mirror and notice that Jesus is present in you. When we exhibit these behaviors, we mirror God's love and are drawn closer to the promises of eternal life. It can be difficult to pray when we are suffering. He understands if all we can do is be with our grief. Over time the feelings will pass as we receive God's grace to take the next step.

*Written by Ron Schoengold at the request of Fr. Athanasius Kikoba*

## The Seven Principal Virtues

by Jim Schaaf†

There are seven principal virtues listed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. They are presented in two categories. The first four are called the Cardinal Virtues. These are Prudence, Justice, Temperance, and Fortitude. The second three are called the Theological Virtues. These are Faith, Hope, and Charity. Seven in all. Many, many other virtues flow from these seven.

Recall from your Catholic training that a Virtue is nothing more than a habit of doing good. Virtues are enhanced in us by accepting the grace that God freely bestows on us.

The four moral or human or cardinal virtues help us to lead good moral lives by assisting us to treat persons and things in the right way so that good is always done. They show us how to have the right disposition to treat one another as the other should be treated.

The virtue of Prudence helps us to discern our true good and to choose the right means of achieving it. The virtue of Justice helps us to give each person what is his due, that is, what is owed to him. The virtue of Fortitude helps us to do good in spite of difficulties. Fortitude allows us to continue the battle with evil and not allow us to give in. The virtue of Temperance helps to control our desires to rightly use things that please our senses.

These four virtues are enumerated in the Book of Wisdom, Chapter 8, Verse 7, as

well as in the Book of Proverbs, Chapter 8, Verse 14 (see the Douay-Rheims Bible.)

The theological virtues have God for their proper object. These virtues allow us to properly interact with God.

The theological virtue of Faith allows us to believe in God and all the truths that he has revealed. These can be either written or handed down to us orally. The Catholic Church teaches all such truths. The theological virtue of Hope allows us to trust that God will be faithful to his promise of eternal life. The theological virtue of Charity allows us to love God for His sake and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God.

Because the cardinal virtues can be considered moral or human virtues they can be acquired with work by every human being. The three theological virtues are not necessary to acquire the four cardinal virtues. This is why you can see and meet people who have no belief in God and no hope in immortal life but who do treat others as they wish to be treated. They are fine, moral, upstanding people who have the cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. God's gift of Faith, freely bestowed, once accepted, allows a person to have a better, more complete interaction with both God and neighbor.

**Be virtuous! Practice virtue!  
Avoid sin!**

### Monthly Attendance Raffle

The raffle was won by Bong Batingana who was present. Bong donated the winnings back to the council. The drawing will begin at \$10 this month. ***The winner must be present to win!***

## Council Officers

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## The Seven Sorrows of Mary

by Jim Schaaf†

The **First Sorrow** was the prophecy of Simeon as recounted in Luke 2: 34-35. In that prophecy Simeon predicts that a sword will pierce the soul (some translations say heart) of Mary. The **Second Sorrow** was the flight into Egypt as recounted in Matthew 2: 13-23. The **Third Sorrow** is the loss of Jesus in the Temple as recounted in Luke 2: 43-45. The **Fourth Sorrow** of Mary is when she and her son Jesus meet on the Via Dolorosa on his way to Calvary. This is a non-biblical event. It is generally included as the fourth station of the cross. The **Fifth Sorrow** is the crucifixion as recounted in all four Gospels. The **Sixth Sorrow** is the piercing of the side of Jesus and his descent from the cross. Again all four Gospels account these two actions. The most beautiful depiction of the descent from the cross is, of course, The Pieta by Michelangelo which sits in the nave of St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. The **Seventh and Final Sorrow** is the burial of Jesus as recounted in all four Gospels.

Devotion to the sorrows of Mary began as early as the 11th century by the Benedictines. It spread and became quite popular by the 12th century. By the year 1423 the feast of our Lady of Sorrows was celebrated on the Friday after the third Sunday after Easter. In the year 1600 the feast was celebrated on the Friday before Palm Sunday in France. In 1814 it was celebrated on the third Sunday in September. But, in 1913 Pope St. Pius X designated September 15 as the day to celebrate the sorrows of Mary. It has remained September 15 ever since. This is not a Solemnity, it is not a Feast, it is a Memorial.

That Mass is unique in that it contains a sequence – a poem that can be said or sung before the gospel. It is only one of four remaining sequences in the post-Vatican II Latin Rite Mass. In the pre-Vatican II mass there are five sequences. This sequence recounts the sorrow of Mary while she was at the foot of the cross. It is called, “Stabat Mater” – standing mother. It was written by Jacopone de Todi in the late 13th century and is considered one of the greatest Latin hymns ever written. Often during Stations of the Cross stanzas are sung while the priest and servers move from station to station.

In the Basilica of Mission Dolores in San Francisco are various depictions of the seven sorrows of Mary because, of course, the Basilica is dedicated to the sorrows of Mary. One of the unique things in the Basilica is a crest on a side altar showing a heart with seven knives in it, the keys of the kingdom, a mission bell and two crossed arms one bare and one with a sleeve but both hands have the puncture wounds from the crucifixion. This is the Church's way of saying that mission Dolores was founded by the Franciscans (recall that St. Francis had the stigmata and thus is represented by the sleeved arm while the bare arm is that of Christ) and the keys signify that this church is designated as a papal Basilica. If you're ever up in San Francisco be sure to stop in and see the crest and see all the various depictions of the seven sorrows of Mary in this unique Basilica.

## 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 or email Ron Schoengold at 408-309-9830, ron@egoldsolutions.com

### Prayers

Brother Art Salazar

Brother Ron Miller's wife Shirley

Brother Jim Mathews

Brother John Lehane

Brother Ted Wyess' wife Ann

Brother Tony Seidl's† wife Helen Seidl

Brother Mark Wright's sister Anne

Brother Joe Kenney's sister Carol Duffy

Brother Rodger O'Brien

Brother Ed Johnsen's wife Joan

*All those touched by the coronavirus pandemic*

*Victims of the mass shootings in our country*

### Deceased

Brother Paul Muller (01/02/2021)

Brother Burnel Stolzman (01/02/2021)

Brother John Shields'† wife Marilyne Shields, (05/25/2021)

Brother John Shields'† sister Florence (Nora) Shields (04/10/2021)

Brother Jim Schaaf (06/22/2021)

Brother Abdallah's mother-in-law Georgette Abdelmessih (08/10/2021)

Brother Abdallah's mother Lorice Abdallah (08/16/2021)

Brother John Aguirre (10/04/2021)

Brother Eli Thomas (03/02/2022)

Brother Freddie Schwalbach (03/30/2022)

Brother Robert Rolufs, PGK (06/26/2022)

Brother Mark Wright's mother-in-law Yingio Leung (06/29/2022)



## Discernment in Daily Family Life-Part I

### Knights of Columbus family discusses integrating the faith into family life at World Meeting of Families

*By Soren and Ever Johnson*

Soren Johnson, a member of Holy Family Council 6831 in Leesburg, Va., and his wife, Ever, are joined by their children — Berend, 15; Charlie, 10; Virginia, 13; Owen, 17; and Ever Therese, 19 — at the 10th World Meeting of Families at the Vatican. Soren and Ever gave a presentation on “Discernment in Daily Family Life” as part of the event. Courtesy of Soren and Ever Johnson

Three years ago this past spring, my wife and I felt besieged by life. For a year, I had been in and out of the hospital with life-threatening emergencies and major surgeries. And during that year we also experienced the sudden death of my father and then the loss of my job. Our five children were all still at home, and we knew that we urgently needed to discern our next step.

At that time, we thought back to the days before we met, when we would go on long retreats in order to better hear God’s voice. Now, in our home, we were surrounded by grief and uncertainty, along with the clamor of constant needs.

For so many families today, this experience of “crisis upon crisis” is normal. And it seems it will be impossible to find the narrow path to heaven when we are surrounded by illness, death, economic instability, aggressive nihilism, and even all-out war. How can authentic discernment take place today, given how families are overwhelmed, exhausted, anxious, distracted, wounded, and broken?

We have to take a few steps to answer such a big question. We’ll start by asking three smaller questions that will uncover the heart of the answer, the core principle we can use for discernment. And then we will show how that principle can shape every level of family life.

#### Part I

##### ***What is discernment and what is it for?***

Discernment, our Holy Father Pope Francis says, is paying attention to the “voices that reach our hearts,” always asking “where they come from.” Then, discernment compels us, he says, to “ask for the grace to recognize and follow the voice of the good Shepherd.”

For parents who long for the quiet of a good retreat, recognizing the Lord’s “still, small voice” in the midst of family life may seem impossible. In reflecting on the reality of caring for children while enduring crisis upon crisis, we can see that in some ways discerning itself is secondary to being in an atmosphere in which discernment is even possible.



So, we may need to move beyond the question of discernment, and focus instead on how — realistically — we can create an atmosphere for it in our daily life. And as we make that attempt, let’s remember what discernment is for. Learning to follow the Lord’s voice helps us lead our families heavenward.

Ah, heaven! Now things are getting interesting! There is nothing more in the whole of life that we want so much as heaven! At times, we just want to leave our heap of crises behind, fly to heaven, and dwell forever, together with our loved ones, with our Blessed Mother, the saints and, above all, with our loving Father, Son and Holy Spirit. But instead, the path looks long and full of confusing decision points. Will we make it to this much-hoped for life with God?

So, discernment is following God’s voice, and discernment is for finding our way to heaven, to life in the Trinity. This leads to our second question:

##### ***What is our unfailing aid in discernment?***

When we are troubled by doubts about how to find our way, first we need to remember that Jesus said, “I am the way.” So, what we are faced with is not so much the need to interpret a long, confusing path as it is the need to cling to Jesus as he guides us along it.

Sometimes we may feel that we cannot hear his voice, that he is too far ahead, that we are getting lost and left behind. But we must calm ourselves and remember that Jesus gave us an unfailing aid that allows us to keep pace with him — the

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## Directors & Chairmen

### Program Director

Ron Schoengold

### Church Director

John Pozniak

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

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Michael Abdallah

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& Rosary Visitation	John Steffens
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Intellectual Disabilities	open
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McGivney Pilgrimage	John Pozniak

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Ed Johnson

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Memorial Mass	open
Ladies Night	John Steffens
Ice Cream Social	Grand Knight Elect
Christmas Dinner	Ron Schoengold
Annual Picnic	open

### Youth Director

Open

Scholarship Program	Patrick Kwok
Altar Servers Appreciation	Patrick Kwok
Free Throw Contest	Ed Johnson
Essay Contest	Ed Johnson

### Membership & Retention

Mark Wright\*

John Pozniak

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Eucharist. And on this very practical reality — Jesus present in the Eucharist — we can begin to build that atmosphere for discernment in our daily family life.

When we cling to the Eucharist, Jesus, our way to heaven, what is the deeper reality? The deeper reality is that our souls are already in communion with God, that he is dwelling in us and we in him, that the deepest part of us leaps over the long, confusing path and inhabits heaven already.

So, given what discernment is, what it's for, and our unfailing aid in it, let's ask the third question:

***Is daily family life a distraction to discernment?***

How do we bring our peaceful communion with Jesus into our noisy family so that we will be able to hear his voice and lead them to heaven? This is where we can all breathe a big sigh of relief. Because *families are already much closer to heaven than we might think!*

The truth hidden in plain sight is that the family and the Holy Trinity share a stunning similarity: both are a "communion of persons" by virtue of the love they share. Our families, made in the image of God, are icons of the Trinity. "The Christian family," the *Catechism* teaches, "is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit" (2205). Rather than being distant, the dynamics of life in heaven already belong to every family.

At this point, the parents of young children may be thinking, "That's nice, *theoretically*, but I wish my kids would act like an image of God *today!*" So, now we have arrived back at the real challenge. On the one hand, we have renewed hope because we know that our families are an image of God, a taste of heaven in our homes. But we may also be discouraged because our families have such a long way to go. Rather than being discouraged, though, let us recall our Savior's words: "Do not be afraid!"



Eugene Levitre  
Larry Sandstrom  
Michael Abdallah

*May your life be long  
and joyfull!*

### Treasurer's Report

#### Income for May 2022

Interest on Capital One Savings	\$ 2.12
	\$ 2.12

#### Expenses for May 2022

Computer & Web Expenses	\$ 20.00
Council Liability Ins.	\$ 1500.00
Council Rent	\$ 500.00
MACE Printing	\$ 130.71
	\$ 2150.71





## Robert (Bob) H. Rolufs

**November 25, 1932 – June 26, 2022**

Robert Henry Rolufs passed from earth to eternity on June 26, 2022 at the age of 89 years old. He died peacefully in his sleep with his family close.

Born to Josephine and Henry Rolufs; Bob was raised in Sacramento, California where he attended Christian Brothers High School and Junior College in Sacramento before entering the Army. He then went on to serve two years in the Army (1950-51). Bob attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and completed his degree in Electrical Engineering at in 1959. He met Lolita through the Newman Center at Cal Poly. They were married in 1958, 64 years ago, at Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa. He was a devoted husband whose face lit up whenever she entered the room. Bob and Lolita have three daughters, 9 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter.

Bob worked as an engineer at Western Electric which was acquired by AT&T. The family moved to San Jose in 1966. He retired after 30 years and continued his greatest passion—service towards others. Bob's dream had always been to fill his retirement with volunteer work because he was happiest being of service to others. He occupied his retirement days by volunteering at Habitat for Humanity, AT&T Pioneers, Knights of Columbus, Grand Knight in 1988-89, 1991-92, 2008-09, 2011-12, St. Joseph of

## 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.

Cupertino Bingo, Queen of Apostles Social Justice Team, food gleaning for Our Lady of Guadalupe food distribution, Murdock Neighborhood Association and Our Daily Bread meal outreach program.

Bob was a dedicated and active father. He took a leadership role in every school committee, activity and organization in which his daughters were involved. By example, he taught his daughters the value of generosity and service.

Bob is survived by his beloved family including his wife Lolita, children, Cathy (Kevin) Marks, Linda Rolufs and Patti (Tom) Coonce, their families and extended family.

Bob touched the lives of many people through his kindness and generosity. He was a kind, warm, vibrant man, who shared himself generously and lived his values with integrity. Bob was much loved and will be dearly missed.

A rosary will be held at 12 noon followed by a funeral Mass at 12:30 PM on August 6, 2022 at Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, 4911 Moorpark Avenue in San Jose.

His family asks if you are so moved, you may make a donation in his memory to Our Daily Bread, 231 Sunset Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086, 408-736-4108, Jesuit Refugee Service, or to one of the other organizations he passionately gave of his time.

## August 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jul 31	Aug 1	2 7:30pm Council Business Meeting	3	4	5	6 12:00pm Bob Rolufs's Memorial (Rosary and Mass)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2	3

## September 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2	3
4	5	6 7:30pm Council Business Meeting	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1

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