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Upcoming Events

- Council Bus. Mtg. Tues, Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m.
St. Joseph of Cupertino
- Council Bus. Mtg. Tues, Nov 5, 7:30 p.m.
Queen of Apostles Church

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

Here we are in glorious October at last! Autumn will take effect bit by bit, as the leaves turn color and nights chill. Enjoy this time together with one another and Earth's nature. This is the time to ready the young ones for All Hallows Eve, Halloween. **Boo!**

October brings early voting for the presidential election and all the others. Get familiar with the issues and opportunities, then VOTE!

Our October 1st council meeting will be at St Joseph of Cupertino Parish in Cupertino in the Fr. Greg Ng Kimm Community Center.

Thanks to all who participated in our officer installation at Ascension Church last month. Officer positions remain available for members, including Warden, Inside Guard, and Outside Guard. Come, brothers, take a position and support your council.

Our council supported St Joseph of Cupertino's Parish Feast Day Celebration. Particular thanks go to Patrick Kwok and Dick Sherman, who helped along with me. The celebration was well attended, leaving everyone well-fed and happy!

Remember that we have another opportunity to support St Joseph of Cupertino Parish and show Knights of Columbus in action, which is to help with coffee and doughnut hospitality typically once a month after the Sunday 9:30 and 11 am Masses. See me if you can volunteer.

Who is feeling lucky? Come to the business meeting and see if you win the attendance raffle. Now that our roster has been scrubbed and consolidated, your chances of winning are the best ever! Participate in the meeting and spend some time with your brothers.

Peace and Love,

Ed Johnson

Chaplain's Message

October: Month of the Rosary

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, in the midst of World War I, the Blessed Virgin appeared to three children in Fatima, Portugal. She pleaded for prayer and penance to bring an end to the war and restore peace. She warned of further suffering if humanity did not turn back to God. In particular, Mary told the children to pray the Rosary every day for world peace.

In his message to young Lithuanians on the occasion of the 6th National Youth Day of Lithuania on June 21, 2013, Pope Francis said, "The Rosary is an effective means for opening ourselves to God, for it helps us to overcome egotism and to bring peace to hearts, in the family, in society, and in the world."

In his traditional New Year's address to members of the Diplomatic Corps early this year, the Holy Father stated, "Our world is witnessing a growing number of conflicts that are slowly turning what I have often called a third world war fought piecemeal into a genuine global conflict."

During the month of October, let us pray the Rosary privately or with those who are dear to us. Through its meditative character and mantra repetition of Hail Marys, the Rosary can have a peaceful effect on the ones who pray it. "The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells" (uscbb.org).





Knights of Columbus California State Council



I'll Show You My Faith by My Works

State Deputy Message

Dear Brothers,



As we enter the third month of our Columbian year, I want to thank all of you for the fast start, you have taken to

heart our state motto this year: "I will show you my faith through my works", James 2:18.

My Icon this year is of St. Bernadette praying to Our Lady of Lourdes in the grotto at Lourdes, France. In September we have liturgical feast days for the Most Holy Name of Mary (September 12) and Our Lady of Sorrows (September 15). September falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

As we grow the Order, so we also increase our ability to be the defender of our Catholic faith and to help others. We have no less than a moral obligation than to offer every Catholic man the opportunity to join our ranks and experience the faith formation we have experienced and become better Catholic Christians, better husbands and better fathers. The emphasis is on using online e-membership to bring new Brothers into the order, get them exemplified and get

them into the Council. Every Council should have at least one exemplification before the end of September.

Our program of the month for September is, "INTO THE BREACH", This program is designed to deepen our members' spirituality and formation to combat crisis of religious faith in our world. Knights of Columbus councils will institute men's study groups to read the apostolic exhortation Into the Breach. Into the Breach is a perfect faith formation option for Cor. The world needs courageous men to witness to Jesus Christ and the Knights of Columbus has started the Cor initiative to do just that. The State Council is encouraging all Councils to establish an Evangelization and Faith Formation Director and instituting Cor parish wide for the men in the parish.

October's program of the month is the "ID DRIVE" which is dedicated to improving the quality of life, learning and mainstream employment for children, teens, and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Let's keep making a difference in people's lives! Go forth and do the good works of the Knights of Columbus.

Amen and God bless you all. Mama Mary Pray for us!

Fraternally,

JIM LARSON

State Deputy 2024-2025

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408-985-9079

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408-253-7016

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Open

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408-417-9089

Inside Guard

Open

Outside Guard

Open

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Open

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District Deputy

Lawrence DeSilva
650-400-3333

Monthly Attendance Raffle

David Adams won the September raffle of \$40 but was not present to claim the prize. The raffle is worth \$50 this month. **The winner must be present at the meeting to win!**



Treasurer's Report — August

Balances as of 8/31/24

Charity Checking	\$ 259.20
Checking	7,946.98
Council Savings	<u>20,811.51</u>
	\$ 29,017.69

Income for August 2024

Dues	\$ 370.00
Interest on Capital One Savings	<u>1.76</u>
	\$ 371.76

Expenses for August 2024

Bank Fees	\$ 166.92
MACE Printing	\$ 130.83
Membership Expense	32.32
Misc. Expenses	150.00
Supreme Catholic Advertising	<u>54.00</u>
	\$ 534.07

Treasurer's Report — September

Balances as of 9/30/24

Charity Checking	\$ 259.20
Checking	8,099.29
Council Savings	<u>20,813.22</u>
	\$ 29,171.71

Income for September 2024

Dues	\$ 360.00
Interest on Capital One Savings	<u>1.71</u>
	\$ 361.71

Expenses for September 2024

MACE Printing	\$ 100.83
Membership Expense	32.32
Officer Installation	59.94
Postage	<u>14.60</u>
	\$ 207.69



Prayer Requests



The following Brother Knights, their families, and friends are remembered in the monthly prayer held each month before 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, FS, at 408 309 9830, ron@egoldsolutions.com

Prayers

- Brother Art Salazar
- Brother Ron Miller's wife, Shirley
- Brother Jim Mathews
- Brother Mark Wright's sister, Anne
- Brother Rodger O'Brien
- Brother Harry Tibbetts
- Brother Peter Pozniak's wife, Patricia
- Brother Ron Schoengold's wife, Arline
- Brother Lawrence DeSilva's wife, Shieroma
- Brother John Steffens' mother-in-law, Emma Firpo

Deceased

- Brother William Callen (08/29/2022)
- Brother Ernest Camacho (01/04/2016)
- Brother Philip Dean (12/26/2007)
- Brother Joseph Denham Jr. (11/19/2014)
- Brother Joseph Fitzsimmons (03/28/2017)
- Brother Francis Hopkins (12/06/2018)
- Brother Eugene Levitre (05/02/2024)
- Brother Robert Lewis (08/08/2016)
- Brother Robert MacKinnon (05/05/2024)
- Brother John Marvin (05/06/2020)
- Brother Larry Sandstrom (03/28/2021)
- Brother Edward Shiras (04/02/2021)
- Brother Philip Young (03/01/2016)
- 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)
- Brother William Callen (08/29/2022)
- Brother Jim Campbell's father Bob Anselmo (12/2/2022)
- Brother Ted Wyess' wife Ann (01/11/2023)
- Brother Dominic Guido's wife Roca (03/11/2023)
- Brother Ted Wyess (03/19/2023)
- Brother John Steffens sister-in-law Mary Steffens (11/30/2023)
- Brother James Campbell (12/13/2023)
- Brother Joseph Kenney's wife Sheila (02/18/2024)
- Brother Tony Seidl's wife Helen Rose (08/21/2024)
- Brother John Lehane, PGK, FS (09/14/2024)**

Be Happy ...

Try as we might to grasp it in the world, lasting joy can be found only in the heart of Jesus

By Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori 9/1/2024

We all want happiness, and we work pretty hard to make ourselves happy. One place we seek happiness is in the security of our homes. Surrounded by family, we try to find peace, contentment and joy. Often we do, but sometimes, there is conflict, dissatisfaction and sadness. Tragically, many marriages end in divorce, and it is often the children who suffer most.

We also look for happiness at work. We seek satisfaction in a job that is meaningful. Yet, how many people are unhappy with their careers, or jump from job to job at a pace that our forebears would have found dizzying? It's all very transactional — and unsatisfying.

Or, we might look for happiness in entertainment. These days, most people seek to be entertained not in grand theaters but by staring into mobile devices. Yet, the more we stare, the more isolated we become from one another.

Hard as we work at it, happiness proves elusive. We may feel it is in our grasp, that a golden period of contentment is about to open up, only to have our projects undermined by unexpected problems or to find that our plans don't live up to our expectations.

We might then resort to thinking that happiness is only for those who were born happy — people with an easygoing type of personality, a particular genetic makeup, or a particular balance of bodily chemicals. Yet, even many people who appear to be laid-back and content are not. Just below the surface, unhappiness lurks. A happy mask hides an inner turmoil of loneliness, anxiety or depression. Something isn't working.

By now, you might be thinking that I'm trying to block all the on-ramps to happiness. But I'm not. I'm just winding up for the pitch. And the pitch is this: Happiness will never be ours so long as we plan for it, reach for it, scheme for it. The more we do those things, the unhappier we become. If we want happiness, let's stop grasping for it. Instead, let's allow happiness to find us and to hold us in its grasp.

Ultimately, the secret is to allow God to love us — to allow him to overwhelm us with his truth, goodness and beauty. Do

we allow ourselves to be amazed at the generosity with which God created us, the patience he extends to us, the depth of love that prompted him to give away his only Son to redeem us? Are we grateful to the Lord who loves us like no other?

For happiness to take hold of us and to overwhelm us, we need to unplug from the many sources of ersatz happiness that we think we need, and to instead quiet our souls in the living presence of the Eucharistic Lord. Not just once in a while, but regularly. Don't worry about what to say. All we need do is to let his love sweep over us and penetrate the secret recesses of our hearts.

Do we allow ourselves to be amazed at the generosity with which God created us, the patience he extends to us, the depth of love that prompted him to give away his only Son to redeem us?

When that happens, something else happens. Joy is never self-contained or self-referential. Rather, it radiates outward. Joy in the Lord translates into love of others and a willingness to give of ourselves just as the Lord has given himself to us.

Perhaps that's what Blessed Michael McGivney wanted to teach us. He had a deep devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and found in that heart a matchless depth of charity, a matchless depth of love. Finding that love and sharing it brought him joy. His joy was compounded by his life of charity. The same is true for us. Finding joy in the heart of Jesus, our happiness is only deepened as we, the family of the Knights of Columbus, reach out to the vulnerable and those in need. After all, in giving, we receive.

Let the overpowering reality of God's love find us. Let us welcome Jesus.



Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

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*

Community Director

Michael Abdallah

- Culture of Life *Joe Kenney*
- Charities *Patrick Kwok*
- Divine Mercy
- & Rosary Visitation *John Steffens*
- Food for Families *Dick Sherman*
- People with Intellectual Disabilities *open*
- Mass of Reparation *open*
- Community Projects *Round Table Members*
- Breakfast Supreme *Ron Schoengold*

Council Director

Open

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

Family Director

Ed Johnson

- Leisure Nights *open*
- 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



John F. Lehane, PGK, PFS
July 22, 1936 – September 14, 2024



Birthdays October

- | | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Hugh Hoganson | Rodger O Brien |
| Beppino Zambonin | Brian Mc Crone |
| Nick Pisano | Richard Sherman |
| Godfrey Mungal | Vincent Moughan |
| Normandyse Govia | |

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.

October 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 29	30	Oct 1 7:30pm Council Business Meeting (Meeting at St. Joseph of Cupertino)	2	3	4	5
6	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 All Hallows' Eve	Nov 1	2

November 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1 All Saints Day	2
3	4	5 7:30pm Council Business Meeting (Queen of Apostles Church)	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30

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