



# The Mace

St. Francis of Assisi Council 4981  
Knights of Columbus  
Cupertino • San Jose • Saratoga, CA

Issue 670 • November 2024  
District 34 • Division 4  
www.kofc4981.net

## Upcoming Events

Council Bus. Mtg. Nov. 5, 8:00 p.m.  
Zoom Online  
Council Bus. Mtg. Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m.  
Queen of Apostles Church

## Inside This Issue

Grand Knight's Message ..... [Page 1](#)  
Chaplain's Message ..... [Page 1](#)  
Council Officers ..... [Page 2](#)  
John Lehane, PGK ..... [Page 2](#)  
Treasurer's Report ..... [Page 2](#)  
Attendance Raffle ..... [Page 2](#)  
Nov. Birthdays ..... [Page 2](#)  
Nov. Membership Message ..... [Page 3](#)  
Prayer Requests ..... [Page 3](#)  
People Lost Everything ..... [Page 4-5](#)  
Prayer of St. Francis ..... [Page 5](#)  
Directors & Chairmen ..... [Page 5](#)  
Council Calendar— November ..... [Page 6](#)  
Council Calendar— December ..... [Page 7](#)  
Mace Credits ..... [Page 8](#)

## Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

November is here. Mornings are noticeably chillier with a bit of fog and rain. We celebrate the memorial Masses of All Saints and All Souls at the beginning of the month. This is a special time to remember our family and friends who have passed on. Take time to remember them all.

November brings election day and its wild excitement followed by dark chaos. Keep the left-over Halloween candy handy for binging!

Our November 5th council business meeting will be on Zoom. This way we

can keep one eye on election returns and at the same time take care of needed council business.

Our council has a few officer positions open including: Warden, Guards and Lector. Let the Holy Spirit guide you to select one for service.

Did your candidate win their election? Why not try your luck with the attendance raffle. Attend the Zoom council meeting and see if you are the lucky winner!

Respect and Freedom,

*Ed Johnson*

## Chaplain's Message

### Communion of Saints

The longer we live here on earth the more we recognize our shortcomings and limitations. Sometimes we missed the mark in our sins, in our failing to do what is good, other times we lost sight of what should be so important in life: our relationship to God and to others.

During the month of November, we are called to remember all who have gone before us, not only those who are dear to us in our families and communities, or our deceased Brother Knights. They all are part of the Communion of Saints, whether they are being purified (in purgatory) or are blessed in their beatific vision (in heaven).

At every Mass every day, the pilgrim Church (on earth) commemorates all Saints and prays for all Souls. Yet, the Solemnity of All Saints (Nov. 1) and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (Nov. 2) are opportunities for us to remember in a special way our close communion with them, whether we know their names and faces or not. They all are our brothers and sisters in Christ.

This remembrance hopefully will help us refocus on our bond with those who are still living, and our relationship with our God, the source and summit of our lives.

*Fr. Hao*



## John Francis Lehane, PGK

July 22, 1936 – September 14, 2024

John was a devoted Knight. As a Past Grand Knight for three fraternal years, he led Council 4981 through many successful activities and difficulties, giving us traditions for future leaders to emulate. Council 4981 was chartered in 1974. Traditions were established to carry on the charitable work of the council under John's leadership. Many Council 4981 Knights have passed away, but their contributions remain part of our history and will not be forgotten. John also made a significant contribution as Treasurer of the Saratoga Cupertino Columbian Company, responsible for the Hall in Cupertino, California. His legacy is the preservation of council assets that will fund future charitable works in our community. We miss John's insights and leadership. May he rest in peace with the Lord.



## Council Officers

### Grand Knight

Ed Johnson  
408-296-8146

### Chaplain

Fr. Hao Dinh  
408-725-3939

### Deputy Grand Knight

Dick Sherman  
408-444-3725

### Chancellor

Steven Schauer  
408-931-4756

### Financial Secretary

Ron Schoengold  
408-309-9830

### Treasurer

John Steffens  
408-985-9079

### Recorder

Joe Kenney  
408-253-7016

### Warden

Open

### Advocate

John Ruzzo  
408-417-9089

### Inside Guard

Open

### Outside Guard

Open

### Trustees

1 yr — Patrick Kwok  
408-896-1462

2 yr — John Pozniak  
408-230-6006

3 yr — Mark Wright  
408-203-0942

### Lecturer

Open

### Insurance Field Agent

Joe Ayroso, Insurance Agent  
510-403-1499

### District Deputy

Lawrence DeSilva  
650-400-3333

## Treasurer's Report

### Balances as of 10/31/24

|                  |    |                  |
|------------------|----|------------------|
| Charity Checking | \$ | 259.20           |
| Checking         | \$ | 7,524.71         |
| Council Savings  | \$ | <u>20,814.98</u> |
|                  | \$ | 28,598.89        |

### Income for October 2024

|                                 |    |             |
|---------------------------------|----|-------------|
| Dues                            | \$ | 120.00      |
| Interest on Capital One Savings | \$ | <u>1.76</u> |
|                                 | \$ | 121.76      |

### Expenses for October 2024

|                    |    |              |
|--------------------|----|--------------|
| Charities          | \$ | 489.90       |
| MACE Printing      | \$ | 129.36       |
| Membership Expense | \$ | <u>75.32</u> |
|                    |    | \$694.58     |

## Monthly Attendance Raffle

James Cadatel won the October raffle of \$40 but was not present to claim the prize. The raffle is worth \$60 this month. **The winner must be present at the meeting to win!**



## November Birthdays

John Foley

Joseph Mc Bride

Thomas Gaynor

## November Membership Message

### KNIGHTS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Brothers, we need to renew our culture of invitation. When Blessed Michael McGivney called the first meeting, he ASKED Catholic men to join him. More than 80 responded. Why, Because Father McGivney invited them to be part of something greater than themselves. These early members embraced that culture from the start. They went out and invited others. One by one, council by council, and our order grew. Members asked other Catholic men to join them in a great work. Last year, a membership satisfaction survey was conducted, responses showed 47% of members joined the order because they were invited by a friend, family member or pastor. However, 33% of us have never ASKED men to join, and 37% have only done once or twice a year. As of this year our Jurisdiction "State of California" has 65,777 members, imagine the impact if each of us invites one member.... Catholic men are waiting to be invited. Please ASK. Let's invite Catholic brothers to join us in our mission to something greater.



We are extending the Feather Flag incentives. In which if your council achieved the membership requirement (quota) before Christmas December 24th, your council will receive A FEATHER FLAG. Let's invite and bring them in to be our KNIGHTS BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

Brothers, we also need to focus on Online Membership! Promote Online Membership and use of the California Knights of Columbus Online Membership card. We need to ask the Pastor or Priest to do a pulpit announcement to promote online membership. After Mass, recruit men in the Church to join the Knight of Columbus. Remember Blessed Father Michael McGivney had a dream of all Catholic men over the age 18 being members of the Knights of Columbus. How can we facilitate this increase in Membership? Take advantage of every opportunity to offer Online Membership and use of the "sign up" card. These are some great reasons that Councils should use Online Membership:

1. The candidate fills the Membership Application online, no form 100. Ask him to carefully check all information as he writes so that all spellings, email addresses, and phone numbers will be correct and legible. You bring in the new member on Supreme Online Membership.
2. Any candidates that enter using the promotion code pays zero for his first year of membership.

## Prayer Requests

### Prayer Requests and Deaths November 2024

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 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 (09/14/2024)

# People Lost Everything'

## Knights are hard at work in areas devastated by recent hurricanes

By Cecilia Hadley 10/24/2024

"People are coming like crazy. Literally every day, there are tons of people here," Ron Carbone, who leads the K of C round table at St. Anthony, said Oct. 18. "This is one of the poorer communities in Tennessee. These are people who have nothing, and they've lost whatever little they had."

Thankfully, the stream of trucks arriving with water, food, clothes, diapers and more has been constant too — and local Knights have been on hand every day with their pastor and the parish women's group to unload deliveries, sort items and assist neighbors looking for basic supplies.

Aid is coming from many places, including the Supreme Council, which is assisting Helene relief efforts in Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, as well as Hurricane Milton relief in Florida. With support from the United in Charity Fund, three truckloads of water have been delivered to Tennessee, and more than 350 coats will soon arrive — winter clothing is an urgent need in the mountainous region, where temperatures are already dropping into the 30s at night.

K of C councils in Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, Ohio, Illinois and Texas have also sent supplies, and local Knights are working with parishes, the Diocese of Knoxville and Catholic Charities to distribute them, said Tennessee State Deputy William Markiewicz.

"Needs would come up, and they would just do it," Markiewicz said. "They didn't wait to ask permission or somebody to tell them to do it. They just jumped in and made things happen."

Knights mobilized as well in neighboring North Carolina, where Hurricane Helene killed nearly 100 people. Councils in relatively unscathed parts of the state collected water and other supplies and trucked them to a central warehouse, from where they were directed to harder-hit communities. The Supreme Council contributed \$20,000 and 100 gift cards of \$100 each, and more donations came in from out-of-state K of C councils.

North Carolina State Deputy Sergio Miranda praised his Knights, particularly St. Margaret Mary Council 13016 in Swannanoa and Father Joseph Maule Council 8923 in Arden, both in western North Carolina.

"These folks are just stepping up," he said. "They're using their gifts to bring humanity back to all these families that have been affected by this disaster. There's a sense of pride

just being with these men who are doing all they can to help their fellow parishioners, their fellow brother, their fellow man."

In Georgia, State Deputy T.J. McCaustland has been crisscrossing the state, distributing \$100 gift cards from the Knights of Columbus and larger donations to people whose homes have been lost or severely damaged. Grants of \$1,500 have been made to Knights, the widow of a Knight, and a family caring for a son with special needs who were forced to leave their rental home.

While the Georgia State Council has been helping to coordinate the K of C response, McCaustland said that a lot of work is happening at a grassroots level — one council contacting another to see what they need, district deputies putting out a call for supplies, a grand knight asking his pastor, "What can we do?"

For example, Sacred Heart Catholic Parish in Vidalia, Georgia, has received supplies and clean-up assistance from about half a dozen different K of C councils, according to Kevin Schneider, grand knight of Vidalia's Father Clement Borschers Council 8568.

Ed Wonn (left) of Father Clement Borschers Council 8568 in Vidalia, Ga., and Danny Walters of Father Michael A. Burke Council 14488 in Kathleen cut down a damaged tree outside the home of an elderly parishioner of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. A team from Council 14488 traveled to Vidalia in early October to help local Knights clear debris for neighbors in need. (Photo courtesy of Kevin Schneider)

"It was very overwhelming and humbling to see so much generosity and support for my brother Knights," Schneider said. "I've been a Knight in three different states, and this is the first time I've experienced a disaster. How the Georgia Knights responded was amazing."

One of the first deliveries to Vidalia was by District Deputy Ed Armijo. On Oct. 2, with help from his councils in the Warner-Robins area, Armijo loaded a trailer with pallets of bottled water and drove to Vidalia. Normally less than two hours, the drive took longer because of his heavy load and the debris that littered the roads.

But Armijo was back on the road a few days later, this time bringing food and water from Knights in Warner-Robins to St. Paul Catholic Church in Douglas.

*(Continued on page 5)*



## 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

(Continued from page 4)

“Literally the whole parish was waiting for me to get there,” he said. “I backed the trailer up to church, and the priest and the children and everybody were helping me offload the supplies.”

In the coming days, State Deputy McCaustland said, Georgia Knights will be forming “chainsaw brigades” to help those who need it clear trees, branches and other debris.

For Ron Carbone, the Knight helping to organize aid in Tennessee, the last three weeks have been exhausting, both physically and emotionally.

“A lot of these people don’t need just clothes and food and money and

water; they need a shoulder to cry on, somebody to hug them,” he said. “There’s just a lot of heartache here. People need everything. People lost everything.”

At the same time, his work with brother Knights, and the aid that continues to arrive at St. Anthony, have strengthened his faith in God and man.

“I’m so glad I joined the Knights; it’s been such a godsend for me,” Carbone said. “You do a lot more connecting to God when you see things like this and you’re able to help.”



## 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 2024



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY           | FRIDAY                  | SATURDAY |
|--------|--------|--|-----------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Oct 27 | 28     | 29   | 30        | 31                 | Nov 1<br>All Saints Day | 2        |
| 3      | 4      | 5<br>8:00pm Council Business Meeting (Zoom Online) | 6         | 7                  | 8                       | 9        |
| 10     | 11     | 12   | 13        | 14                 | 15                      | 16       |
| 17     | 18     | 19   | 20        | 21                 | 22                      | 23       |
| 24     | 25     | 26   | 27        | 28<br>Thanksgiving | 29                      | 30       |



# December 2024

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|--------|---|---|----------|--------|----------|
| Dec 1  | 2      | 3<br>7:30pm Council Business Meeting (Queen of Apostles Church) | 4   | 5        | 6      | 7        |
| 8      | 9      | 10  | 11  | 12       | 13     | 14       |
| 15     | 16     | 17  | 18  | 19       | 20     | 21       |
| 22     | 23     | 24<br>Christmas Eve   | 25<br>Christmas Day<br> | 26       | 27     | 28       |
| 29     | 30     | 31  | Jan 1, 25   | 2        | 3      | 4        |

St. Francis of Assisi Council 4981  
Knights of Columbus  
19000 Saratoga Glen Place  
Saratoga, CA 95070



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

## The Mace

Published monthly by  
Saint Francis of Assisi Council 4981  
Knights of Columbus  
Serving Cupertino, San Jose & Saratoga California  
District 34 — Division 4  
[www.kofc4981.net](http://www.kofc4981.net)

**Editor-in-Chief**  
Ron Schoengold  
**Assignment Editor**  
Ron Schoengold  
**Copy Editor**  
Ron Schoengold  
**Layout Editor**  
Ruthann Stolzman  
**Contributors**  
Fr. Hao Dinh  
Ed Johnson  
John Steffens  
Ron Schoengold  
**Distribution Manager**  
Arline Schoengold  
**Printer**  
Ruthann Stolzman  
©2024 St. Francis of  
Assisi Council 4981  
All Rights Reserved