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Upcoming Events

- Council Bus. Mtg. March 4, 7:00 p.m.
Queen of Apostles Church
- Ash Wednesday March 5
- Council Bus. Mtg. April 1, 7:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Parish
- Holy Thursday April 17
- Good Friday April 18
- Easter Sunday April 20

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

March begins with the last few days of Ordinary Time, and then Lent starts on 5 March. Enjoy the lengthening days as the spring equinox approaches and the return to Daylight Savings Time.

St. Joseph of Cupertino Holy Name Society is holding an all-you-can-eat Crab Feed at the parish hall on 14 March, dinner at 7:00 PM. See our Dick Sherman for tickets.

Our March council meeting will be in person at the Queen of Apostles Parish meeting room in the gym vestibule. Knights who are Q of A parishioners especially should attend. Recruitment and retention need attention. Be

prepared to discuss and plan. There will be reports on council activities and updates on the corporation's 501c(3) application with the IRS.

We will address officer positions for the coming year. Let us know what position is interesting to you.

Join your Brother Knights as we discuss business and activities while enjoying fellowship together. Perhaps you will be the lucky winner of the attendance raffle. The odds are incredibly good, so come and see who wins.

I look forward to seeing everyone again.

Peace and Respect,
Ed Johnson

Chaplain's Message

Month of Saint Joseph

March is the month dedicated to Saint Joseph, culminating in the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated on March 19. As the foster father of Jesus, he holds a vital role alongside Mary in the life of Christ and within the Church, which is regarded as the mystical Body of Christ. In 1870, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the decree "Quemadmodum Deus," placing the Church under Saint Joseph's protection, a commitment that was highlighted during the Year of Saint Joseph from December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2021.

Often perceived as a "quiet" figure due to his lack of recorded words in the

books of the gospel, Saint Joseph's true character may be more complex. Regardless of his demeanor, he exemplified righteousness and a commitment to fulfilling God's will, even in challenging circumstances. His life and actions influenced Jesus, who came to Earth to accomplish his Father's divine plan. We are also encouraged to align our lives with the prayerful intention expressed in the Lord's Prayer: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Fr. Hao



News From Supreme

Supporting Ukraine in 2024: A Year in Review

In 2023, the Knights produced a documentary titled *In Solidarity With Ukraine*, which highlighted the Order's critical relief to refugees of war. Last year, the Order continued to reach new heights of charity and launch new initiatives, from building modular housing for displaced families to donating ambulances and organizing healing pilgrimages for widows of war.



Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori blesses a woman during his visit with internally displaced families in Briukhovychi, Ukraine, on Oct. 21, 2024. (Photo by Andrii Gorb)

Serving Ukraine's Sick and Wounded

For over five years, Knights in Lviv have visited sick children in hospitals, bringing gifts and donations. Since the war broke out, members of St. John Bosco Parish Council 16846 have expanded their charitable outreach to include frequent visits to wounded soldiers and veterans hospitalized in Lviv and the surrounding region.



Members of Council 16846, together with volunteers from the Church of the Intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, visit sick children undergoing treatment at Lviv Regional Children's Clinical Hospital in Ukraine on Dec. 6, 2024.

The Door of Hope

The Jubilee Year 2025 offers an opportunity to embrace "a restoration of hope — in our hearts, in the Church, and in the world," writes Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori in his column for the January/February 2025 issue of *Columbia*: "Hope is our deepest yearning for that reality, enabling us to receive it and to discover at length that it has a name, a face, an identity: Jesus, the Son of God and the Son of Mary."



Pope Francis pauses in prayer before knocking on the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Dec. 24, 2024, to open it and inaugurate the Holy Year 2025. (CNS photo/screen grab, Vatican Media)

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Open

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St. Joseph of Cupertino's Holy Name Society
Presents a St. Patrick's Day

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT
Crab Feed

Friday, March 14, 2025

Doors open to the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner served at 7:00 p.m.

Fresh Dungeness Crab
Salad, Pasta, Bread and Dessert

Tickets: \$ 75 each
Children 8th grade and younger: \$ 25 each

50/50 HNS Raffle

To reserve a table, call
Dick Sherman,
(408) 255-4671



Monthly Attendance Raffle

Terrence Maguire won the February raffle of \$30 but was not present to claim the prize. The March 2025 raffle is worth \$40. ***The winner must be present at the meeting to win!***

Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests and Deaths February 2025

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

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)
Brother John Steffens' mother-in-law Emma Firpo (11/8/2024)
Brother Rodger O'Brien (12/24/2024)
Brother John Steffens's brother-in-law Terrance Kelly (02/14/2025)



State Deputy Message

My Brothers in Christ,

We have entered the ninth month of the Columbian year. Christmas and New Year are well behind us and it's time to focus on what's in front of us. The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph, the husband of Mary and the foster-father of Jesus.

March includes Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at the start of the month and Founders Day, March 29, 2025, towards the end of the month. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of lent, the 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving in preparation for Easter. Founders Day marks the day on which St. Patrick's Day falls on March 17, which is the death anniversary of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland.

March is also called FOUNDERS MONTH! It is a fact that most Chapters and Councils excel in new membership during the last 4 months of the year and the new members also bring their families in as part of the council as well. This means that the month of March is one of the best times of the year to be

a Fisher of Men and take it to a whole new level! March is an excellent time to schedule those Church Drives.

March 29th falls on a Saturday this year. This is a great reason to schedule a Church Drive that weekend. District Deputies, please encourage your councils to schedule a Church Drive on Founders Day weekend. Then schedule the exemplification. Ask, invite, bring in online, exemplify, be that Fisher of Men for our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney.

My last advice is to stay engaged. Your Parish, community, family and the Order needs you as we head towards Easter! Work on your council's Star Council status. We do this to show the Parish and community who we are and what we are. I have received compliments over and over on how our Knights have stepped up and were generous during the fires in Southern California and my response is always, that's what we do, that's who we are.

God bless all of you.

Yours in Christ,

James Larson

State Deputy 2024 – 2025



Everything that was strong

Here's a fascinating question to ponder: What was Father McGivney like in person? What impression did he make upon people? Although he lived long ago, we do have some clues to the character and demeanor of this blessed priest.

His was "a priest's face, and that explains everything," wrote a fellow Connecticut priest whose one meeting with Father McGivney made a deep impression. "It was a face of wonderful repose; there was nothing harsh in that countenance, although there was everything that was strong"

We see those qualities of compassion and strength in the few photos we have of Father McGivney. He was a man on a mission who walked quickly, but he spoke slowly and always

had time for his parishioners who needed a kind word or a sympathetic ear.

He is still on that priestly mission today, as shown by the favors reported from those who call upon him in prayer (see below). What would you like to ask Father McGivney? Submit your petitions to: <https://www.fathermcgivney.org/prayers/> Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for our priests as we all pray for your canonization!

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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

- 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



March Birthdays

- Blake Schindler
- John Steffens
- Paul De Benedetti
- Peter Pozniak
- David Adams
- Fr. Hao Dinh
- John Ruzzo



Treasurer's Report

Balances as of 2/28/2025	
Charity Checking	\$ 259.20
Checking	\$ 4,868.05
Council Savings	\$ 20,821.82
TOTAL	\$ 25,949.07
Income for February	
Interest on Capital One Savings	\$ 1.60
TOTAL	\$ 1.60
Expenses for February	
Computer and Web Miscellaneous	\$ 60.00
Membership Expenses	\$ 59.62
Mace Printing	\$ 167.20
TOTAL	\$ 286.82

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.

March 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 23	24	25	26	27	28	Mar 1
2	3	4 7:00pm Council Business Meeting (Meeting at Queen of Apostles Church)	5 Ash Wednesday	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	Apr 1	2	3	4	5

April 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 30	31	Apr 1 7:00pm Council Business Meeting (Sacred Heart Parish)	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Holy Thursday	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter Sunday	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	May 1	2	3

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