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Upcoming Events

Coffee and Donuts hosting at

St. Joseph of Cupertino May 4, 9:30 a.m.

Council Bus. Mtg. May 6, 7:00 p.m.

Ascension Lounge

Mothers' Day May 11

Council Bus. Mtg. June 3, 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph of Cupertino

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

Welcome to May! The month where we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mothers, the Military, and Memorial Day for those we lost in service to their country. For all our brothers and sisters who have served in the Military like me (Capt USAF), we understand and appreciate you.

The Easter season continues throughout May. This is a time of renewal and commitment to our faith. With the passing of Pope Francis, the Conclave of Cardinals will soon convene and elect the next pope. Let us pray for their success and wisdom.

On Sunday, 4 May, Brother Knights will support the coffee and doughnuts hospitality event at St Joseph of Cupertino Parish during the 9:30 and

11:00 AM Masses. A K of C Fraternal Benefits session will be held at the same time in the adjacent community center. Anyone interested in learning more about our benefits may attend.

Our May council meeting will be in-person at Ascensions Worner Hall Lounge in Saratoga. Knights that are members of Ascension Parish should especially join the meeting. We need to choose officer positions for the coming year. discuss.

Let us join in fellowship as we hear the council's activities and reports. Will you be the winner of the attendance raffle? Show up and find out! Until then, be safe.

Peace and Respect,

Ed Johnson

Chaplain's Message

Pray for the Church with Mary

The events of Easter Sunday and Monday this year will be remembered for a long time: Pope Francis gave his final Easter blessing and message to both Rome and the world on Easter Sunday, only to pass away the following day. While his death was not entirely unexpected, it was nonetheless shocking, particularly as he had appeared in St. Peter's Square less than 24 hours prior. May he rest in peace.

Even during his five-week-long hospitalization before his passing, media speculation about his successor

was already underway. With his departure, this speculation has intensified. It is important to remember this saying, the one who enters the conclave as pope comes out as a cardinal, suggesting that the frontrunner often does not prevail. Let us pray for the College of Cardinals that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in selecting a new leader for the universal Church. May Mary, the Mother of the Church, to whom the month of May is dedicated, intercede for all of us as we continue the mission of the Church entrusted to us by the Risen Lord.



A Powerful Witness to Charity and Fraternity

Pope Francis remembered at his funeral by hundreds of thousands of faithful, including Knights of Columbus leaders

By Cecilia Engbert 5/1/2025



More than 250,000 pilgrims attend the funeral Mass of Pope Francis, celebrated in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on April 26. (Photo by Tamino Petelinšek)

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore joined over 250,000 pilgrims in Rome to honor and pray for Pope Francis, whose funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Peter's Square on April 26.

Pope Francis died on April 21 at age 88 in his Vatican residence at Casa Santa Marta. He had made his last public appearance the day before, Easter Sunday, to deliver his Urbi et Orbi message from the balcony overlooking St. Peter's Square. Greeting the thousands gathered at the square with Buona Pasqua! (Happy Easter!), the pope asked Archbishop Diego Ravelli, master of pontifical liturgical celebrations, to read his Easter message aloud.

Christ is risen! These words capture the whole meaning of our existence, for we were not made for death but for life, the Holy Father proclaimed in his final words to the world. Easter is the celebration of life! God created us for life and wants the human family to rise again! In his eyes, every life is precious!

In a statement following Pope Francis' death on Easter Monday, Supreme Knight Kelly reflected on the pope's witness of

charity and fraternity to the world and specifically the Knights of Columbus.

The more than 2.1 million Knights of Columbus around the world join Catholics and people of all faiths today as we mourn the death of our Holy Father Pope Francis, the supreme knight said. Pope Francis [called] us from his first days as pope to reach out to the margins of society and serve those who are too often forgotten.

Pope Francis continually encouraged our charitable mission, he continued. [He] was also very supportive of our efforts to help Catholic men be better husbands and fathers and take up co-responsibility for the Church's mission of evangelization.

At a memorial Mass celebrated in Baltimore for Pope Francis on April 21, Archbishop Lori reflected on the pope's departure from this world as a pilgrim of hope.



Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori kneels in prayer before the wooden coffin of Pope Francis in St. Peter's Basilica on April 25. (Photo by Paul Haring)

Pope Francis declared 2025 to be an extraordinary Holy Year, a Jubilee of Hope, a time of prayer and grace to deepen our hope in Christ, the supreme chaplain said in his homily. He called us to be pilgrims of hope, who journey resolutely, even amid the sadness and setbacks of this world, towards the heavenly Jerusalem where Christ is seated at God's right hand. The heart of hope is the death and resurrection of Christ. And it is in the midst of the Church's celebration of

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Christ's victory over death that Pope Francis passed from this life to the next.

The supreme chaplain was among hundreds of concelebrating bishops and priests at the funeral Mass, where Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, dean of the College of Cardinals, presided and delivered the homily. Following the Mass, Pope Francis was laid to rest in a private ceremony within the Basilica of St. Mary Major, becoming the first pope in over three centuries to be buried outside St. Peter's Basilica.

It was a beautiful tribute to Pope Francis, but at the same time, it was a moment when we sought God's mercy upon us all, Archbishop Lori said in an interview with the Catholic Review, the official news outlet of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, after the funeral. We pray for Pope Francis, but we also sought Pope Francis' prayers for us. It was quite a profound and moving experience to be a part of this.

The pope's tomb, located in the side nave between the Sforza Chapel and the Pauline Chapel, is near the icon of Maria Salus Populi Romani before which Pope Francis frequently prayed, including before and after each of his apostolic journeys.

For more than 12 years, the Knights of Columbus drew inspiration from Pope Francis' call for the faithful to go out to the peripheries. Speaking with EWTN on Sunday, the supreme knight reflected on his own encounters with Pope Francis and the special relationship the pontiff had with the Order.



Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly prays at the tomb of Pope Francis in the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome on April 28. The tomb is located in the side nave between the Sforza Chapel and the Pauline Chapel, which houses the revered icon of Maria Salus Populi Romani. (Photo by Paul Haring)

Pope Francis had a wonderful sense of humor, and he loved to laugh, said Supreme Knight Kelly, who met privately with the pope five times since his election in 2021. My first meeting with him, he said, You have a wife and children, right? Next time you meet with me, they come with you. He had [a] big concern for the family.

The Order and Pope Francis had many shared priorities, the supreme knight continued, including evangelization and support for the unborn and those in most need.

All of this really touched Pope Francis' heart because it was helping the vulnerable, he said, adding that the Holy Father expressed great enthusiasm about the Knights' efforts to form Catholic men in faith and virtue.

The supreme knight also recalled Pope Francis' words of encouragement at the conclusion of one of their meetings: He gave us a blessing and said, Go on, keep doing what you're doing. It's hard, but keep it up!



Birthdays for May

Robert Manning

Mark Wright

James Cadatal

John Pozniak

Patrick Kwok



Treasurer's Report April 2025

Balances as of April 30

Charity Checking	\$ 299.20
Checking	4,198.29
Council Savings	20,282.79
	\$25,282.79

Income for April

Interest on Capital One Savings	\$ 1.71
Vocations	400.00
	\$ 401.71

Expenses for April

MACE Printing	\$ 129.12
Miscellaneous Expenses	150.00
	\$ 279.12

State Deputy Message May 2025

My Worthy Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is dedicated to honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. This month provides an opportunity for us to deepen our Marian devotion, seeking her intercession and drawing strength from her example of faith, obedience, and humility. I chose Our Lady of Lourdes as my Icon and saint for this Columbian year. Not only is Mary the mother of Jesus, and thus, the Mother of God, she is also the Mother of the Church. Her appearances in the Grotto of Lourdes, at Fatima, at Tepeyac and more are examples of her ongoing evangelization. By saying yes to the Angel Gabriel, she became the first Christian and thus honored above all other saints.

May is also the month to celebrate Mother's Day. This year it falls on Sun, May 11, 2025. We all would not be on this earth if not for our Mothers. We need to honor and show the proper respect, treat our Mothers/Wives to brunch or dinner or say a prayer of thanks for those who have gone before us. Thank you to the Mothers that have formed us to be who we are today.

As I am sure you are aware, our Most Holy Pope Francis was called home by the Father on April 21st, Easter Monday. He served as Bishop of Rome, Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church, and Sovereign of the Vatican City State for twelve years. In the words of Archbishop Jose Gomez, *In this beautiful Easter season, when we celebrate our hope in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray that the angels may lead Pope Francis into paradise, that the saints and martyrs welcome him, and that God in his mercy will make his face shine upon his faithful servant and grant him eternal rest in the love that never ends*. Rest in Peace Your Holiness!

We now have two months left in the Columbian year. Has your Council achieved all its objectives this year? Make these last few months count! We need to finish strong! If you

haven't already, submit your SP-7 forms in May, don't wait for the last moment. Schedule your membership drives and exemplifications to fill those few gaps still missing. I encourage every council to have one last membership drive before the end of the year. If your council still needs a Financial Benefit Event, check the FBE schedule on the State website, <https://www.californiaknights.org/vbn/>. Grand Knights and Program, Community and Family Directors need to be Safe Environment compliant. If you are not compliant this needs to get done as soon as possible and if you have any questions, you can contact Larry Dietz at the State Office, larry.dietz@californiaknights.org.

Schedule your council officer elections now and prepare for a smooth transition and success in the new fraternal year. The Supreme by-laws specify council elections need to be held between the first day of May to and including the fifteenth day of June each year. Do it early and be sure to submit your Form 185 and Form 365 for the upcoming year right away in July.

Our Annual State Business Meeting/Convention is coming up. It will be at the Visalia Convention Center, Visalia, CA on May 15-18. I am looking forward to seeing you there. It is a business meeting but it is more than that, it is our Brother Knights from all over the State getting together and enjoying each other's company. You don't have to be a voting delegate to attend. For more information, refer to our State website at <https://www.californiaknights.org/sam2025/>.

God bless all of you!

Yours in Christ,

Jim Larson

California State Deputy 2024-2025



Monthly Attendance Raffle

Brian McCrone won the March raffle of \$50 but was not present to claim the prize. The May 2025 raffle is worth \$60. **The winner must be present at the meeting to win!**

Directors & Chairmen

Program Director

Ron Schoengold

Church Director

John Pozniak

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

Community Director

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

Council Director

Open

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

Family Director

Ed Johnson

Leisure Nights	<i>open</i>
Memorial Mass	<i>open</i>
Ladies Night	<i>John Steffens</i>
Ice Cream Social	<i>Grand Knight Elect</i>
Christmas Dinner	<i>Ron Schoengold</i>
Annual Picnic	<i>open</i>

Youth Director

Open

Scholarship Program	<i>Patrick Kwok</i>
Altar Servers Appreciation	<i>Patrick Kwok</i>
Free Throw Contest	<i>Ed Johnson</i>
Essay Contest	<i>Ed Johnson</i>

Membership & Retention

*Mark Wright**

John Pozniak



Prayer Requests

The following Brother Knights, their families, and friends are remembered in the monthly prayer held each month before the Council 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)
 Raymond Mark Gallant (04/10/2025)



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.

May 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 27	28	29	30	May 1	2	3
4 9:30am Coffee and Donuts Hosting St. Joseph of Cupertino (St. Joseph of Cupertino Church)	5	6 7:00pm Council Business Meeting (Meeting at Ascension Lounge)	7	8	9	10
11 Mothers Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

June 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 1	2	3 7:00pm Council Business Meeting (Meeting at St. Joseph of Cupertino Church)	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	Jul 1	2	3	4	5

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