



# The Mace

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## Upcoming Events

Council Bus. Mtg. Oct., 7, 7:00 p.m.  
St. Joseph of Cupertino Community Cntr  
Council Bus. Mtg. Nov. 7, 7:00 p.m.  
Queen of Apostles, Gym Vestibule

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## Grand Knight's Message

### Brother Knights,

We have arrived at the wonderful month of October, when we often have the best weather (shush, don't tell outsiders!) and possibly some early-season rain. Time to get outside, take a hike, ride a bike, and enjoy nature before the chilly days of autumn come.

In September, our council Knights supported St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish's Feast Day Celebration. The council provided food, and members served those attending. It was a grand celebration afternoon!

What event shall we plan next? Let's have a discussion about activities under the new business.

The October 7th business meeting will be at St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish in the Fr. Greg Ng Kimm Community Center. We will begin by reciting the rosary at 7 pm. Inside and Outside Guards and Lector positions are still available.

Join us at the meeting, hear the reports, and help plan for actions and activities ahead. Spend time with your brother Knights, perhaps one will be the attendance raffle winner. Be sure to celebrate the winner, then maybe they will buy you a beer!

Hope and Solitude,  
Ed Johnson

## Chaplain's Message

### Let Peace Begin with Me

During this month of October, the Holy Father invites us to pray for the following intention: "Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity."

The theme resonates with the ideas presented in the 2020 encyclical "Fratelli Tutti" by the late Pope Francis, which calls for universal fraternity and social friendship to address contemporary challenges. It was written during the Covid-19 pandemic and a period defined by political nationalism. Inspired by Saint Francis of Assisi, whose feast is celebrated on October 4, it encourages individuals to view one another as brothers and sisters, to reject war and violence, to care for the marginalized,

and to create a truly global community founded on mutual respect and solidarity.

In the aftermath of World War II, eight decades ago, 50 nations convened in San Francisco on June 26, 1945, to sign the Charter that founded the United Nations. The theme for this year's United Nations General Assembly (September 9 to 29) is "Better Together: 80 years and more for peace, development and human rights." Although the UN has achieved progress in certain peace negotiations, in efforts to alleviate poverty, improve access to education, and decrease child mortality, it still faces considerable challenges in a new era characterized by global instability and deep divisions.

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*Chaplain's Message Continued*

In today's increasingly polarized world, the pursuit of peace, justice, and human fraternity is a collective responsibility of all humanity, including those of us who are believers from various religious traditions. Although the path to harmony, justice, and peace may be slow, each of us is invited to contribute in some manner, whether through the practice of non-violence, the rejection of prejudices, the

demonstration of kindness towards others, or through unwavering prayer for peace. While we may not see a peaceful world in our lifetime, we can try to lead our lives in a way that promotes peace, beginning with ourselves, our families, and our communities. "Let peace begin with me" (from the song "Let There Be Peace on Earth" written by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson-Miller in 1955).



Pope Leo XIV at General Audience. (@Vatican Media)

## Pope Leo XIV: Pray the Rosary daily for peace in our world

This month of October, Pope Leo XIV invites the faithful to pray the Rosary daily for peace in our world and to be faithful instruments of reconciliation in their daily lives.

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### Treasurer's Report

#### Balance as of September 30, 2025

Charity Checking	\$ 259.20
Checking	\$ 675.88
Council Savings	\$20,864.03
	<b>\$21,769.11</b>

#### Income

Interest of Capital One Savings	\$120.00
Vocations	\$ 1.71
	<b>\$121.71</b>

#### Expenses

Council Liability Insurance	\$59.00
MACE Printing	\$127.20
Postage	\$14.60
KofC Bocce Picnic	\$235.93
	<b>\$436.73</b>

### Monthly Attendance Raffle

Cyril Millendez won the September raffle of \$40 but was not present to receive the prize. The October 2025 raffle is worth \$50. **The winner must be present at the meeting to win!**



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|------------------|----------------------|
| Hugh Hoganson    | Rev Normandy Segovia |
| Beppino Zambonin | Brian Mc Crone       |
| Nick Pisano      | Richard Sherman      |
| Godfrey Mungal   | Vincent Moughan      |

### 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 Jim Mathews
- Brother Mark Wright's sister Anne
- Brother Harry Tibbetts
- Brother Peter Pozniak's wife, Patricia
- Brother Ron Schoengold's wife. Arline
- Brother Tom Lewis

#### Deceased

- Brother Art Salazar
- Brother Ron Miller's wife, Shirley
- Brother William Callen (08/29/2022)
- Brother Eugene Levitre (05/02/2024)
- Brother Robert MacKinnon (05/05/2024)
- Brother Patrick's wife Susan (04/28/2020)
- Brother Robert Rolufs, PGK (06/26/2022)
- Brother Mark Wright's mother-in-law Yingio Leung (06/29/2022)
- 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)
- Raymond Mark Gallant (04/10/2025)

## A Pioneer of American Sainthood

### Knights and their families join thousands in celebrating the 50th anniversary of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's canonization

By Cecilia Engbert 9/24/2025



*Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori celebrates a Mass marking the 50th anniversary of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Md., on Sept. 14. (Photo by Matthew Barrick)*

Nearly 2,000 people, including Knights and their families, packed the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland, on Sept. 14 for a Mass celebrating the 50th anniversary of the canonization of the shrines patroness who, in 1975, became the United States first native-born saint.

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori was the principal celebrant and homilist, joined by concelebrants Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA; Bishop Barry Knestout of Richmond, Virginia; Bishop Roy Campbell Jr., auxiliary bishop of Washington, D.C.; Father Tomaz Mavric, superior general of the Congregation of the Mission (the Vincentians) and the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul; and more than 20 other priests. More than a dozen Fourth Degree Knights provided an honor guard for the Mass.

In his homily, Archbishop Lori reflected on the connection between the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrated Sept. 14, and the life of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, which was filled with deep sorrow and loss including several tragic deaths in her family and financial insecurity.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton exalted the cross by her life in all its amazing iterations, the supreme chaplain said. She did not allow herself to wallow in self-pity but instead embraced her faith and extended herself in charity to others. With deepest faith and purity of heart, her gaze penetrated beneath the pitiable appearance of the suffering Savior to his underlying

glory the glory to which we attain when we bear our sufferings in union with him.

A wife, a mother, a religious sister and a foundress, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is a source of encouragement to people from all walks of life, Archbishop Lori concluded.

From eternity she reaches out to show us that freedom from sin and true holiness of life is attainable in every vocation, amid every responsibility, amid every trial and suffering, he said. From eternity, she teaches us how to be lifted up with the crucified Savior.

Msgr. Jacek Pinocey, an official of the apostolic nunciature of the United States, delivered a greeting from Pope Leo XIV, in which the Holy Father expressed pleasure at the celebration of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and bestowed his apostolic blessing upon the faithful gathered at the event.

His Holiness prays that you will take encouragement from the saints particular love of the Eucharist and thus be drawn ever more deeply into a loving relationship with Jesus, our Savior, read Msgr. Pinocey. In this way, your celebration will serve to inspire present and future generations to continue to bear witness to the saving message of the Gospel.

The Sunday Mass was the culmination of a three-day celebration hosted by the shrine that drew thousands of visitors and featured concerts, lectures, museum tours, exhibits, and other family-friendly events honoring the life and legacy of Mother Seton.

The first U.S.-born saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton was a pioneering figure in American Catholicism. Despite opposition from friends and family, she converted to the Catholic faith as a young widow and mother and went on to found the first Catholic school for girls and the first congregation of women religious established in the United States. She is regarded by many as the founder of the U.S. Catholic school system. Since her death in 1821, Mother Seton's mission has continued through the Sisters of Charity, who operate schools, hospitals and other charitable organizations in the United States and Canada.

Today, there are 87 American Catholics whose official causes for canonization have been opened. As a part of the anniversary celebration, the Seton Shrine hosted the Saints on Their Way Village a display featuring the stories of Americans who have been named blessed, venerable or servants of God

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  - Sacred Heart in Saratoga *open*
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- Free Throw Contest** *Ed Johnson*
- Essay Contest** *Ed Johnson*

**Membership & Retention**

*Mark Wright\**  
*John Pozniak*

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by the Church, among them Blessed Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus.



*Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori greets a family after Mass at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Md., on Sept. 14. (Photo by Matthew Barrick)*

It was a very historic event just to have so many blessed and servants of God in one place, represented by their guilds, so we could learn about them, said Megan Hermosillo, who attended the celebration with her husband, Joe, and their six children. The whole theme was about Mother Seton helping others on the path to sainthood, and it was so neat seeing all these American saints we can look up to.

In 2022, Joe was sick with COVID-19 and near death when he experienced a remarkable recovery after his family sought the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney. Along with the prayers of friends and extended family, Joes family was loaned two relics of Father McGivney during his most critical hours a grace that Megan attributes to Mother Setons intercession.

Unknown to Megan, her sister-in-law and another close friend simultaneously visited Mother Setons tomb in Emmitsburg, asking her intercession for the Hermosillo family to obtain a relic of Father McGivney.



**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 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3	4
5	6	7 7:00pm Council Business Meeting (Meeting at St. Joseph of Cupertino, Community Center)	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 26	27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1
2	3	4 7:00pm Council Business Meeting (Meeting at Queen of Apostles, Gym Vestibule)	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Holiday	28	29
30	Dec 1	2	3	4	5	6

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