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Upcoming Events

- Council Bus. Mtg. June 2, 7:00 p.m.
St. Joseph of Cupertino Fr. Kimm Cntr.
- Council Bus. Mtg. July 7, 7:00 p.m.
Queen of Apostles

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

June arrives and brings us summertime with meteorological summer beginning 1 June. The long Ordinary Time season began after Pentecost. This month, we celebrate graduations, Father's Day, Flag Day, Juneteenth, and the Summer Solstice. It's time to go outdoors and enjoy the longer days with family and friends. Days grow shorter after the Solstice. Our June 2nd business meeting will be at St Joseph of Cupertino in the Fr. Greg Kimm Community Center. We will begin by reciting the rosary at 7 pm. The meeting will also be available on Zoom. Look for the meeting link by email. We need to select officers for the next Columbian year, so consider what you can do for our council. Our corporation's charitable grant program

needs better action in reviews and fulfillment. Grant requests are being received. Reviews are lagging. More review team members are needed as three reviewers are needed that do not have a conflict of interest with the requester in each case. Let me know if you are interested. Come and listen to the reports and participate in discussions for the good of the council. Members attending the meeting in person or virtually are eligible for the attendance raffle at the end of the meeting. Join your brothers at the meeting and cheer on the winner; it could be you!

Love and Honor,

Ed Johnson

Chaplain's Message

He Loved Us

"Dilexit nos" (He loved us) was Pope Francis' fourth and final encyclical in 2024, urging a revival of true devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It contemplates "the human and divine love of the heart of Jesus Christ," which can inspire joy in service and zeal for mission. The phrase "Dilexit nos" comes from Romans 8:35-37, where Saint Paul asks, "What can separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, or the sword? ... No, in all these things we triumph through him who loved us." Pope Francis reminds us that in the

Heart of Christ, "we find the entire Gospel." It is in his Heart that "we truly come to understand ourselves and learn to love." In June, a month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, let us reflect on the Lord's unwavering love, which can sustain us on our faith journey. By experiencing his profound love for us, "we become capable of building bonds of brotherhood and recognizing the dignity of every human being," the encyclical emphasizes. This is what we need in our world and society today, amidst numerous challenges.

Fr. Hao



Lecturer's Message

Put Good In

Brothers,

When we are at church on Sunday, we conduct ourselves in a well-mannered way. But is it the way that we conduct ourselves every day? There are people who may recognize us outside of church and see us performing our everyday duties. We must ask ourselves how we react to the everyday. Do we allow ourselves to be patient with others, or are we giving in to anger?. If it's the second option, we should consider what we need to do to change it. This is about who we are, not just as individuals but as a symbol of the Catholic

faith in general. These actions affect others as well, because when the younger generation sees what the current leadership is doing in both the church and their daily lives, it may shape how they view the Catholic religion. As the next generation looks to the future, we owe it to them to be the leaders who represent the Church and God. However, to do this we must first know what we do, and we act so that we can conduct ourselves in a manner that shows the next generation that there are still good-mannered people in the world.

Joseph Wescoat



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Treasurer's Report May 31, 2026
Balances

Charity Checking	\$ 259.20
Checking	\$ 1,632.38
Council Savings	\$15,844.99
TOTAL	\$17,736.57

Income

Interest Capital One Savings	\$ 1.35
TOTAL	\$ 1.35

Expenses

MACE Printing	\$ 146.84
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 150.00
TOTAL	\$ 296.84

Prayer Requests

The following Brother Knights, their families, and friends are remembered in the monthly Rosary 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 Harry Tibbetts
 Brother Peter Pozniak's wife, Patricia
 Brother Peter Pozniak
 Brother Ron Schoengold's wife. Arline
 Brother Tom Lewis
 Brother Fernando Motas' mother, Concepcion
 Brother Ken Rose
 Brother Peter Pozniak's Sister Karen Pozniak, SND de N

Deceased

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)
 Brother Raymond Mark Gallant (04/10/2025)
 Brother Albert Pina (11/26/2025)

NEWS FROM SUPREME

A Tribute to Mary McGivney

This is a good time to honor Father McGivney's mother, born Mary Lynch in County Cavan, Ireland. Part of the mid-19th-century migration to the United States during the island's potato famine, she crossed the Atlantic and settled in the busy manufacturing city of Waterbury, Conn. There she met Patrick McGivney, who also was born in Cavan and came separately to America, becoming an iron molder in a Waterbury factory. The two married in 1850 in St. Peter's Church (soon to become the present Immaculate Conception Parish), where their first child, Michael, was baptized August 19, 1852, a week after his birth.

Mary would give birth to 12 more children, six of whom died young. Neither of those numbers was unusual at a time when children were seen as a boon and a blessing and before the advent of antibiotics.

Though we have little documentary evidence from the life of Mary Lynch McGivney, we can infer the following:

- She had a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A small Sacred Heart image was among the effects found in the McGivney home. The item is now on display in the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center in New Haven.

- She taught her children well. Her son Michael aced his elementary school exam and was advanced a few grades.
- She was as strong as she was pious. Giving birth to 13 and grieving the loss of six of them indicates heroic virtue by any standard. Her husband died in 1873, when Michael was 20, and Mary continued as matriarch of the family for another 15 years.
- Her prayers were powerful. All three sons who reached adulthood became priests, with the eldest on the path to sainthood.
- She was loved by the Blessed Mother. She died December 8, 1888, the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Let us pay tribute to Mary McGivney's immense strength and quiet witness, while holding a firm hope that she is enjoying eternity with her beloved and blessed son Michael.

Brian Caulfield Vice Postulator guild@kofc.org



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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

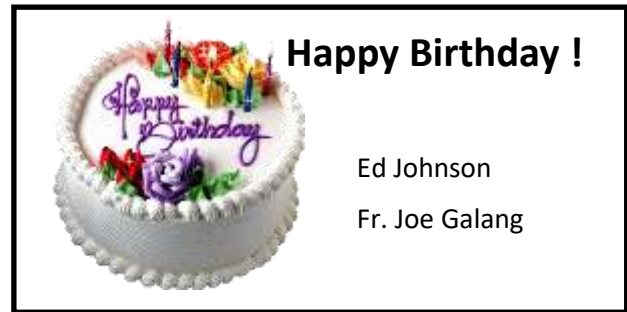
Scholarship Program	Patrick Kwok
Altar Servers Appreciation	Patrick Kwok
Free Throw Contest	Ed Johnson
Essay Contest	Ed Johnson

Membership & Retention

Mark Wright*
John Pozniak

Monthly Attendance Raffle

Fr. Joe Galang won the May \$120 raffle but was not present to receive the prize. The June 2026 raffle is worth \$130. **The winner must be present at the meeting to win!**



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.

June 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
May 31	Jun 1	2 7:00pm Council Business Meeting (Meeting at St. Joseph of Cupertino, Fr. Greg Kimm Center)	3	4	5
7	8	9	10	11	12
14	15	16	17	18	19
21	22	23	24	25	26
28	29	30	Jul 1	2	3

July 2026

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

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