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Upcoming Events

All events are at the council hall, unless otherwise noted.

- Crab Feed Feb. 4, 5:30 p.m.
St. Lawrence the Martyr
- Council Business Mtg. Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m.
- Council 4981 Volunteer —Our Daily Bread
Feb 10, 8:00 a.m.
- Ladies Night Feb 16, 6:00 p.m.
Floretine Trattoria, Saratoga
- Council Officers Mtg. Feb 22, 7:30 p.m.
- Admissions Degree Feb 23, 7:00 p.m.
- Council Business Mtg. Mar. 7, 7:30 p.m.
- St. Patrick's Dinner Mar. 11, 6:00 p.m.
Worner Hall, Church of the Ascension
- Admissions Degree Mar. 23, 7:00 p.m.
- McGivney Founders Day Pilgrimage
Mar. 25, 9:00 a.m.
Church of the Ascension
- Council Officers Mtg. Mar. 29, 7:30 p.m.

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Grand Knight's Message

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome" *Luke 25:35*

As Knights of Columbus, we are called to serve those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Basic needs such as food, drink, and respect are required by all people, at all times of the year. In this period between Christmas and Lent, it is often easy to forget about the needs of others. We Knights won't do that. Please join me and the members of your council as we volunteer at Our Daily Bread, a soup kitchen in Sunnyvale. The Worthy Chancellor Bob Rolufs and his wife Lolita have been volunteering at Our Daily Bread for years, and they've arraigned for the Council to have a work day with them on Friday, February 10. The Our Daily Bread dining hall is located at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Sunnyvale at the corner of Sunset and McKinley across from Washington Park. The address is: Our Daily Bread 231 Sunset Avenue Sunnyvale, CA 94086. Please arrive any time after 8:00 a.m., and lunch with those being served will be provided.

Also, Lent will begin shortly, with Ash Wednesday right around the corner on March 1. The Council asks us to once again participate in the 40 Cans for Lent program. To participate, just take one can of food or other non-perishable food item out of your own pantry each Monday through Saturday of Lent, and set it aside to bring to the Council. We will donate the collected food to local programs such as Our Daily Bread or the Second Harvest Food Bank. Collected food can be brought to any Council meeting, social event, or Monday Night Bingo at St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish.

The San Jose Chapter's annual Crab Feed will be on Saturday, February 4, at St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish. If you'd like tickets (\$50 each) please call me. A portion of the proceeds from the Dinner, Dance, and Live and Silent Auctions support the Diocese's religious education programs for people with intellectual disabilities. As always, we have many other programs and activities coming up. Please check the articles and calendar in the *Mace* for more information.

Fraternally,
John Pozniak

Chaplain's Message

The Lamb of God

Our walk with the Lord Jesus requires an ongoing change of heart. We need to see the Lamb of God reaching out to us with open arms. Essential to our conversion is to turn away from sin. As the season of Lent approaches we need to take a careful inventory to see where our heart is resting. This may require us to take on a new way of thinking. A good model for understanding what the Lord is calling us to do is to study the life of St. Peter as described in the Holy Bible. Peter was obstinate in so many ways but Jesus always gave him the benefit of the doubt even after rebuking him when he let his hot-headed reactions get the best of him.

Over time, Peter became more humble and eventually was martyred for his steadfast beliefs in the promises of Christ. As Knights, we are called to learn from the example of Peter and get our lives under the control of the Lord. Tell Jesus when you stray from his ways and desire to repent for your sins. He is all loving and forgiving and will welcome you with open arms. Remember we are on a journey to the Father led by Jesus. Our conversion will not be complete until we enter Heaven.

Fr Joe



Council of Lyons II in 1274 A.D.

By Jim Schaaf

Held just 29 years after the First Council of Lyons, this Council was held in Lyons instead of Rome because it was easier and less costly for the 560 who attended. It was so much easier that many more arrived than were expected and had to be turned away for lack of space. Unfortunately, St. Thomas Aquinas died on his way to the Council. This Council was unique for it was attended not only by Bishops and Abbots but by representatives of Kings, representatives of Universities, representatives of the Byzantines, and sixteen representatives of the Tartar Abaqa Khan – considered an enemy at the last Council.

The two main reasons for the Council were: reconciliation with the Byzantines, and preparations for a new Crusade against the Muslims but now in concert with the Tartars. (While progress was made toward reconciliation, the majority of lower Byzantine clergy absolutely refused to agree and so the Great Schism continued. The planned Crusade against the Muslims came to nothing.) In addition, 32 Constitutions were passed by the Council and accepted by Pope Gregory X. Among the most interesting are:

Constitution II-1. (Because it took three years to elect Pope Gregory X, the following rules for papal elections were promulgated.) If a pope dies in a city where he was residing with his curia, the cardinals present in that city are obliged to await the absent cardinals, but only for ten days. When these days have passed, whether those absent have arrived or not, all are to assemble in the palace where the pope lived. Each is to be content with one servant only, clerical or lay, at choice. In this palace all are to live in common in one room, with no

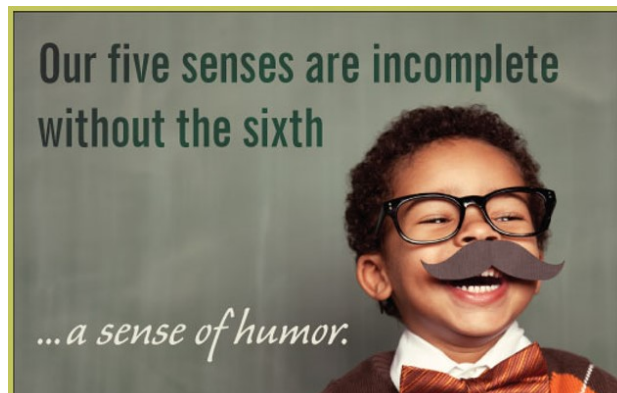
partition or curtain. Apart from free entry to a private room, the conclave is to be completely locked, so that no one can enter or leave. No one may have access to the cardinals or permission to talk secretly with them, nor are they themselves to admit anyone to their presence. Whoever acts otherwise, sending a messenger or a written message, or speaking secretly to one of the cardinals, is to incur automatic excommunication. In the conclave some suitable window is to be left open through which the necessary food may be served conveniently to the cardinals, but no entry for anyone is to be possible through this way.

If, which God forbid, within three days after the cardinals have entered the said conclave, the church has not been provided with a shepherd, they are to be content for the next five days, every day both at dinner and supper, with one dish only. If these days also pass without the election of a pope, henceforth only bread, wine and water are to be served to the cardinals until they do provide a pope.

Constitution II-23. We absolutely forbid all forms of religious life and the mendicant orders which have not merited confirmation of the apostolic see, and we suppress them in so far as they have spread. Of course we do not allow the present constitution to apply to the orders of Preachers (Dominicans) and Minors (Franciscans); their approval bears witness to their evident advantage to the universal church. Furthermore, we grant that the order of Carmelites and that of the Hermits of Saint Augustine may remain as they are, until other regulations are made for them.

An Inspirational Message

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WE NEED PART TIME HELP
EVERY MONDAY, EVERY OTHER MONDAY
OR ONCE A MONTH

PLEASE CALL BOB ROLUFS 408-253-3213

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Prayer Requests

The following Brother Knights, their families, and friends are remembered in the monthly Rosary which is held each month prior to the Council's Business Meeting. If any member wishes to submit a name or remove a name from the list, please telephone the Fraternal Affairs Chairman, John Lehane, at 408-257-3452.

Brother Joseph Adamo

Brother Bill Copley's wife Carol

Brother Frank Simon's wife Virginia

Brother Art Salazar

Brother Ron Miller's wife Shirley

Brother Harry Tibbett's wife Diane

Brother Harry Tibbett's mother-in-law Marie Dunajski

Brother Paul Muller

Brother John Lehane

Brother Ted Wyess' wife Ann

Elaine Steffens

Deceased

SK Jack Bottarini (5/22/16)

SK Brother Robert Flora (4/19/16)

Mary Cay Sherman, wife of Brother Dick Sherman (7/2/16)

Brother Victor Huser (7/27/16)

Rose Shields, daughter of John and Marilyn Shields (11/2/16)

Madeline G. Neenan, wife of Brother John Neenan† (12/27/16)

Listen

by Al Mellin

Did I listen to the Holy Spirit today?
Despite howling winds and clouds of gray
Despite the evil messages we hear so often
Do we allow our just resolve to soften
Do we ever let our hope slip away
Then wonder why we bother to pray
My friends, don't lose heart when things go wrong
God has begun work on another great song
And though the order of His words are still pending
We may play a part in that new happy ending
Since the final chapters of our lives are not known
Let's try not to live them out alone
When wisdom speaks, let's all try to hear it
Knowing that God's voice is the Holy Spirit
So if together we yearn to hear his voice
Our obedience to his word will make us rejoice
The blessings showered upon us we can share
When God sees clearly how deeply we all care.

Treasurer's Report

Income for December 2016

Charities	\$ 5.00
Dues	80.00
Interest on Savings (Capital One)	7.77
Interest on Savings CD	26.71
MRP Program (Tootsie Rolls)	<u>1,156.60</u>
	\$ 1,276.08

Expenses for December 2016

Charities	\$ 1,505.00
Council Rent	1,000.00
Degree Expenses	139.00
MACE Printing	149.31
MRP Program	1,764.17
Postage	<u>46.75</u>
	\$4,604.23

Candlemas

By Jim Schaaf

Looking at our Catholic calendar for 2017, I noticed that February 2 was emblazoned with the words, "Presentation of the Lord," in bold letters. Under it in unbolded letters was, "Groundhog Day." A little investigation into this feast showed that before Vatican II it was called "Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or Candlemas" in the Latin Rite.

This feast has been celebrated in the Catholic Church since the early fourth century. In the west it was focused on the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary but in the east it was focused on the presentation of Jesus in the temple. Today, the feast is focused on Jesus in both east and west. The two lungs of the Church are now breathing together, at least on this feast.

Since the 11th century the Candlemas ritual of blessing candles has taken place each February 2nd. The candles are to be made of beeswax or have some beeswax in them. (See the column on "Minding our Beeswax" for a deeper meaning of candles.) At times there was a procession of blessed, lighted candles signifying that Christ's light is going out through the whole world.

But why is Groundhog Day on the same day?

A few years ago I wrote to a San Francisco Chronicle music critic about his review of a concert that was composed of chant from the Middle Ages drawn from the liturgy of the

hours for the feast of Candlemas. His response included a citation from the Encyclopedia Britannica regarding a medieval saying that went something like this:

If Candlemas be fair and bright,
Winter has another flight.
If Candlemas brings clouds and rain,
Winter will not come again.

I also found an old Scottish saying:

If Candlemas Day is bright and clear,
There'll be two winters in the year.

So, it seems that the groundhog uses the same prediction system as the older Candlemas system – sunny day means more winter; cloudy day means winter is just about finished.

In the United States, the first reported use of the groundhog as a predictor was said to be in 1841 when the groundhog was reported to have predicted the weather "on Candlemas Day." By 1887, however, the press had removed the word "Candlemas" and the day became merely, "Groundhog Day."

This seems to be just another example of quite an old Catholic tradition that has been unbaptized by modern society. Maybe Catholic calendars could at least put, "Candlemas/ Groundhog Day." After all, it is a Candlemas weather prediction that the groundhog mimics.



Virgil Voss

Ron Schoengold

Robert Ang

Jim Campbell

Brett Mc Bride

Rev. Gregory Kimm

David Williams

May your life be long and joyfull!

Monthly Attendance Raffle

The winner of the monthly raffle was **Deacon Thomas Combellick** who was not present. The raffle will be \$135 this month.

Directors & Chairmen

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Al Mellin

Church Director

John Pozniak

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

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Joe Kenney

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Divine Mercy & Rosary Visitation	<i>John Lehane</i>
Food for Families	<i>Dick Sherman/ Bob Rolufs</i>
People with Intellectual Disabilities	<i>Bob Rolufs</i>
Mass of Reparation	<i>Dominic Guido</i>
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John Lehane

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McGivney Pilgrimage	<i>John Pozniak</i>

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Bob Rolufs

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Memorial Mass	<i>John Lehane</i>
Ladies Night	<i>John Steffens</i>
Ice Cream Social	<i>Grand Knight Elect</i>
Christmas Dinner	<i>Ron Schoengold</i>
Annual Picnic	<i>Bob Rolufs</i>

Youth Director

John Lehane

Scholarship Program	<i>John Lehane</i>
Altar Servers Appreciation	<i>John Shields</i>
Free Throw Contest	<i>Dominic Guido</i>
Essay Contest	<i>John Lehane</i>

Membership & Retention

Council Officers



Ladies Night

**Florentine Trattoria
Saratoga, CA**

Thursday, February 16, 2017
Assemble @ 6:00 PM, Dinner @ 7:00 PM

Your choice of:

Veal Monalisa
Chicken Carbonara
Grilled Salmon

Council will pay for the Ladies, Gentleman \$40. Meal includes soup or salad, pasta and vegetables, bread sticks, dessert, and choice of coffee, tea or soda. Wine is extra.

Please send your reservation and menu choices to John Steffens, 3493 Yuba Ave, San Jose, CA 95117 by February 9th. Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 4981.

Visitation and Rosary Prayer Group



Brother Knights of St. Francis of Assisi Council 4981 conduct a Rosary Prayer Service for the Catholic patients at the Cupertino Wellness Center every Wednesday at 10 a.m. These Knights are John Lehane, John Steffens, John Ruzzo and Dick Sherman.

Each Knight takes one week of the month as his commitment. If he is not available for his week, he trades his week with one of the other Knights. To date, this has proved successful. The patients meet with four different individuals of a strong Catholic faith and each individual knight only has to commit to one weekday a month.

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.

February 2017

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March 2017

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