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Upcoming Events

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

- Council Business Mtg. March 7, 7:30 p.m.
- St. Joseph's Crab Feed March 10, 6:00 p.m.
(St. Joseph of Cupertino)
- St. Patrick's Dinner March 11, 6:00 p.m.
(Worner Hall, Ascension)
- St. Joseph's Table March 21, 6:00 p.m.
(Hall Pot Luck)
- Admissions Degree March 23, 7:00 p.m.
- Founder's Day Pilgrimage March 25, 9:00 a.m.
(Ascension)
- Council Officers Mtg. March 29, 7:30 p.m.
- Council Business Mtg. April 4, 7:30 p.m.
- Council Officers Mtg. April 26, 7:30 p.m.
- Admissions Degree April 27, 7:00 p.m.

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Grand Knight's Message

My Brothers,

During the season of Lent, we are asked to prepare ourselves for the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord. It is a time of fasting, abstinence, and prayer. Each of us must make the most of these 40 days. One way to prepare yourself is to participate in the 40-cans for Lent program. Each day in Lent, take a can or package of non-perishable food out of your family's pantry, and put it aside for those in need. We will collect the cans at each council activity and meeting in Lent, so please bring your collected cans to the council during Lent. Our Charity Chairman, Bob Rolufs, will distribute the collected food to local agencies involved in feeding the hungry.

You can also participate in the annual Founder's Day Walking Pilgrimage. Starting after the 9:00 AM Mass on Saturday, March 25 at the Church of the Ascension, our pilgrims will walk around the streets of

Saratoga, while praying the Rosary. Our route takes just enough time to finish 5 decades. We'll then have a short prayer service at the Venerable Father Michael McGivney Shrine on the grounds of the Church of the Ascension, followed by a short reception.

You may also take the opportunity of Lent to continue forming yourself in the knowledge of our Faith. The Supreme Council has many resources available for a Knight and his family. Perhaps you can look at Supreme's new "Building the Domestic Church" program, particularly the Apostolic Exhortation "Into the Breach" by Most Rev. Thomas Olmstead, the Bishop of Phoenix, which is available as a pamphlet or free pdf download as part of the Veritas Series from the Catholic Information Service. The CIS is funded by the per-capita fees each of us pay as part of our annual dues.

John Pozniak

Chaplain's Message

Ash Wednesday 2017

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of blessing ashes made from palm branches blessed on the previous year's Palm Sunday, and placing them on the heads of participants to the accompaniment of the words "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and into dust you shall return." Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting, is the first day of Lent in Western Christianity. It occurs 46 days (40 fasting days, if the six Sundays, which are not days of fast, are excluded) before Easter and can fall as early as February 4 or as late as March 10. According to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the desert, where he endured temptations by Satan. Lent originated as a mirroring of this, fasting 40 days as preparation for Easter. Every Sunday is a commemoration of the Sunday of Christ's resurrection and so as a



fast day on which fasting was inappropriate. Accordingly, Christians fasted from Monday to Saturday (six days) during six weeks and from Wednesday to Saturday (four days) in the preceding week, thus making up the number of 40 days.

Fr Joe

1923 – What a Year!

By Jim Schaaf

In honor of next month's 94th anniversary of the founding of Assembly 49 of the Knights of Columbus, let's take a look at the year 1923. What was in the news? Who was in charge? What was the latest? What was the Cat's Meow?

Leaders

Calvin Coolidge was sworn in as President after the death of William Harding

Henry Gage was Governor of the State of California

Our Pope was Pius XI

Archbishop of San Francisco was Joseph Hanna

Sports News

Bobby Jones wins US Golf Open.

Yankee Stadium opened in New York with 74,000 attending.

Walter Johnson pitches 100th shutout and notches 3,000th strike out.

Yankees defeat NY Giants 4 games to 2 in the World Series.

1st Le Mans Grand Prix d'Endurance.

Paavo Nurmi runs mile in 4:10.4.

Bill Tilden wins US Lawn Tennis Open

Lou Gehrig hits first of 492 home runs.

Headlines/News

USSR Established.

Fascists Voluntary Militia formed under Mussolini.

Oklahoma declares state of siege due to KKK violence.

Hitler has unsuccessful "Beer Hall Putsch" in Munich and is jailed.

Transcontinental airmail service begins.

US Steel initiates 8-hour work day.

Firestone puts inflatable tires into production.

7.9 Earthquake in Japan kills 142,000.

Insulin becomes generally available.

Popular Songs

Who's Sorry Now?	Just One More Chance	That Old Gang of Mine
Yes! We Have No Bananas	Carolina in the Morning	It Ain't Gonna Rain No Mo
Charleston	Somebody Stole My Gal	Mexicali Rose
		Linger Awhile

Latest / (Pop Culture)

1st autogiro (helicopter) flight.

Ethyl-grade gasoline becomes available.

Flying Scotsman goes into service.

Time magazine begins publication.

1st dance marathon held in New York City – 27 hours.

"Hollywood" sign dedicated.

1st Sound-on-Film performance in New York City.

Moon Mullins comic strip begins.

Steinhart Aquarium opens in San Francisco.

Brinks begins using armored security vans.

Attorney General says it is legal for women to wear trousers anywhere.

Self-winding watch patented.

Council Officers

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408-320-2515

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408-985-9079

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408-253-7016

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408-252-8028

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Dominic Guido
408-247-2445

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408-242-0531

Trustees

1st yr — open
2nd yr *John Ruzzo*
408-241-1209
3rd yr *John Lehane*
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MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

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Cupertino, CA 95014

WE RAISE MONEY(\$\$\$) FOR CHARITY

BINGO HELP WANTED

**WE NEED PART TIME HELP
EVERY MONDAY, EVERY OTHER MONDAY
OR ONCE A MONTH
PLEASE CALL BOB ROLUFS 408-253-3213**

rolufs@aol.com

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 wife of Brother John Steffens
- Brother John Shields
- Brother Jim Mathews
- Brother Ed Cruz
- Shirley Ruzzo wife of Brother John Ruzzo
- Trisha McManaman daughter of Brother John Ruzzo

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 Marilyne Shields (11/2/16)
- Madeline G. Neenan, wife of Brother John Neenan† (12/27/16)

Treasurer's Report

Income for January 2017

Charities	\$ 800.00
Dues	200.00
Interest on Savings (Capital One)	7.79
Interest on Savings CD	27.69
Pancake Breakfast	<u>927.65</u>
	\$ 1,963.13

Expenses for January 2017

Charities	\$ 500.00
Christmas Dinner	109.18
Computer & Web Expense	31.25
Council Rent	1,000.00
MACE Printing	138.59
Breakfast Supreme	745.65
Scholarship Night	<u>15.28</u>
	\$2,539.95

Monthly Attendance Raffle

The winner of the monthly raffle was **Dennis Heinz** who was not present. The raffle will be **\$140** this month.

Council of Vienne in 1311-1312 A.D.

By Jim Schaaf

Held just 37 years after the Second Council of Lyons, this Council was held in Vienne, a small town on the Rhone River in France. It was called principally because Philip IV, King of France wanted the Church to disband the Knights Templar so the King could take the Knights' lands and treasury, both of which were extremely vast. Over 200 Bishops and Abbots attended under the direction of Pope Clement V. The Council, surprisingly, found that there was insufficient evidence to disband and excommunicate the Knights Templar. During the five months of the Council the fathers went on to discuss many matters including new crusades both to the east as well as to Granada in Spain to drive out the Moors. While the original records have been lost, the existing record has been pieced together from medieval sources. There are 38 decrees from this Council, the most interesting are:

Decree 1. ... sanctifying grace and the virtues are conferred in baptism on both infants and adults, as more probable and more in harmony with the words of the saints and of modern doctors of theology.

Decree 8. We strictly command local ordinaries (Bishops) to admonish by name three times clerics who publicly and personally engage in the butcher's trade or conduct taverns, that they cease to do so within a reasonable time to be fixed by the ordinary and never resume such trades.

Decree 9. ... we ordain by the present constitution that any cleric wearing striped or variegated clothing in public, without a good reason, is automatically suspended. (Clerics were to wear the proper dress of their station or order).

Decree 14. We forbid the monks all excesses or irregularity with regard to clothes, food, drink, bedding and horses. At least once every month both inside and outside the monastery, each and all of the monks must go to confession, and on the first Sunday of each month they should receive communion in the monastery.

Decree 24. We desire earnestly that holy church should be well supplied with catholic scholars acquainted with the languages most in use by unbelievers. Schools in Paris, Oxford, Bologna and Salamanca should have at least two catholic scholars extremely well versed in each of three languages: Hebrew, Arabic and Chaldaic.

Decree 25. We enjoin on catholic princes who hold sovereignty over Saracens (who have minaret calls) they give consideration to the disgrace heaped on both them and other Christians. They are to remove this offence altogether from their territories.

Decree 26. The apostolic see has received many complaints that some inquisitors, appointed by it to suppress heresy, have overstepped the limits of the power given to them. They occasionally so enlarge their authority to oppress the innocent under pretext of piety and results in harm to the faithful. Henceforth all this work will be done by diocesan bishops and by inquisitors appointed by the Apostolic See. All worldly affection, hatred and fear shall be put aside, as also any seeking of temporal advantage. We decree that the bishops and the inquisitors may act independently of one another. While heresy is a grave offence, it is also a grave offence and deserving of severe punishment to impute maliciously such wickedness to the innocent.



March 2017 Birthdays

Eli Thomas
 Richard Nelson
 Blake Schindler
 James McPhail
 Robert MacKinnon
 Paul Debenedetti
 John Haggerty
 David Adams
 John Ruzzo
 John Steffens
 Peter Pozniak
 Thomas Schutt
 Anacleto Millendez
 Cyril Millendez

May your life be long and joyfull!

Directors & Chairmen

Program Director

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>

Community Director

Joe Kenney

Culture of Life	<i>Joe Kenney</i>
Charities	<i>Bob Rolufs</i>
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>
Community Projects	<i>Round Table Members</i>
Breakfast Supreme	<i>Ron Schoengold</i>

Council Director

John Lehane

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

Family Director

Bob Rolufs

Leisure Nights	<i>Bob Rolufs</i>
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



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.

LTC Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 15 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts. If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me. Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

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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 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 26	27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4
5	6 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	7 7:30pm Council Business Meeting	8	9	10 6:00 pm St. Joseph's Crab Feed (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	11 6:00pm St. Patrick's Dinner (Worner Hall, Ascension)
12	13 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	21 6:00 pm St. Joseph's Table (Half) Pot Luck	22	23 7:00pm Admissions Degree	24	25 9:00am Founders Day Pilgrimage (Ascension)
26	27 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	28	29 7:30pm Council Officers Meeting	30	31	Apr 1

April 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 26	27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1
2	3 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	4 7:30pm Council Business Meeting	5	6	7	8
9	10 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	25	26 7:30pm Council Officers Meeting	27 7:00pm Admissions Degree	28	29
30	May 1	2	3	4	5	6

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