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Upcoming Events

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

BINGO every Monday	6:30 p.m.
St. Joseph of Cupertino	
Council Business Mtg.	April 4, 7:30 p.m.
Possible Leisure Night	April 7, 5:30 p.m.
Council Officers Mtg.	April 26, 7:30 p.m.
Admissions Degree	April 27, 7:00 p.m.
Host Chapter Dinner	April 28, 6:30 p.m.
Council Business Mtg	May 2, 7:30 p.m.
Possible Leisure Night	May 5, 5:30 p.m.
Scholarship Night Dinner	May 16, 6:00 p.m.
KofC State Convention	May 19-20
San Diego	
Admissions Degree	May 25, 7:00 p.m.
Council Officers Mtg.	May 31, 7:30 p.m.

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Grand Knight's Message

My Brothers,

The Knights of Columbus is a true brotherhood in the Catholic Church. We are committed to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Our history shows that when we are committed to those principles, there's nothing we cannot accomplish. We renovated St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.; we supported the Christeros during the persecutions of the Mexican Government; we successfully lobbied congress to add the phrase "Under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance; the first hotel to desegregate in New Orleans did so at the request of the Supreme Council; we built the first public shrine in honor of Venerable Michael J. McGivney in a little parish in Saratoga, California.

To accomplish all these many things and more, we needed to communicate with our members. It seems to me that our council is

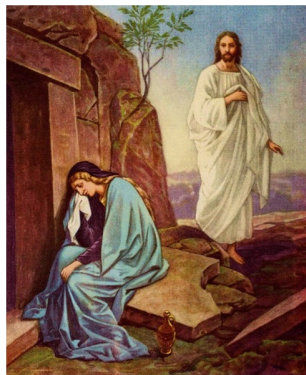
no longer communicating as well as we should. Our council events last month, the annual St. Joseph's Table dinner and annual Founder's Day Pilgrimage Walk failed to attract more than eight participants each.

I don't know how to solve the problem; I need your help. Please call me, tell me how you prefer to be contacted by the Council. Do you read the newsletter? Do you visit the website? Do you like to receive phone calls? Would you prefer the council use social media to engage with you? I honestly want to know. Our council and our order can do much good in the world, but we can do even more if we're effective at communicating with you, our members. Again, please call me, call any of the officers or call your parish's Roundtable Chairman. Send us an email, a text, or a Facebook message. Or grab us when you see us after Mass, because we want to hear from you.

Fraternally,
John Pozniak

Chaplain's Message

The Season of Easter



At Easter we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead. We are set free, delivered from sin, death and the power of Satan. We are now free to choose light and eternity with

our Lord. When Jesus rose from the dead, his close followers could not believe that it really happened. Mary Magdalene did not understand the event either until the two angels appeared to her and asked "Why are you crying?" Then she saw Jesus standing behind her when he said her name "Mary."

Jesus told her "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." As brother Knights, let us make a recommitment to our Baptismal vows and receive the grace to commune with Christ and be united with him in death to sin and resurrection to everlasting life. During the Easter season, we are prompted to unwrap the gift that God has given us in Baptism. We are called to let go of our past way of life and open ourselves to God's transforming power. When we embrace God, sin has no power over us. We are a new creation in Christ.

Fr. Joe

Council of Constance in 1414-1418 A.D.

By Jim Schaaf

Held 102 years after the Council of Vienne, this Council was held in a small town in Germany for ease of travel and was well attended. It was, to date, the lengthiest Council. It was called principally to deal with the Western Schism which at the time had three claimants to the chair of Peter. Two were in Rome – Gregory XII and John XXIII. Benedict XIII was at Avignon. Another pressing reason was to condemn the heresies of John Wycliffe, who was already dead, Jan Hus and Jerome of Prague. The final reason was to enact some reforms to the Church governance. There were 45 sessions at this Council, the most interesting are:

Session 14 – July 1414. Accepted the resignations of Gregory XII and John XXIII.

Session 37 – July 1417. Divested Benedict XIII of the papacy because he refused to resign after many promises were made and reneged.

Session 39 – October 1417. The Council decreed that general councils should be held every ten years to act as a check on any future schism wherein more than one pope is elected. It also decreed that all future popes must swear an oath to uphold the rules and decrees proclaimed by all earlier general councils of the Church.

Session 40 – October 1417. The Council decreed that various aspects of the Church and its functions must be reformed. Among those was the eradication of simony, indulgences and tithes.

Session 41 – November 1417. The Council elected Pope Martin V.

Session 43 – March 1418. While noting that many constitutions have been issued against

simony, the Council declared that anyone who is ordained in a simoniacal fashion is automatically suspended from exercising their orders. All actions based on simony were declared null.

The Council commanded strict enforcement of the laws forbidding tithes and other dues imposed on churches and ecclesiastics by anyone besides the pope. This command was to be obeyed in all countries.

The Council bemoaned the fact that many clerics and prelates dress in an unbecoming fashion. They were accused of dressing like the laity and exhibiting outwardly whatever they were thinking in their minds. Anyone who dared to attend any liturgy dressed in such fashion was suspended from receiving his ecclesiastical income for one month for each occasion of such fault.

Session 13 – June 1415. This session was never accepted by any pope and as such was not enacted into Church law. It prohibited the offering of communion to the laity under both species – bread and wine. Some churches were doing this and some coupled it with a removal of the communion fast. The Council was very strong in its condemnation of both actions.

Session 5 – April 1415. This session was never accepted by any pope and as such was not enacted into Church law. The Council declared that it was indeed supreme and that everyone whatever state or dignity, even papal, is bound to obey it in those matters which pertain to faith. Wisely, the Church currently has the Council's actions as binding only when in agreement with the Pope.

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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.

Die Fledermaus

By Jim Schaaf

This month, April, marks the 143rd anniversary of the first performance of Die Fledermaus; held, where else, in Vienna, Austria. The operetta was an instant hit. SRO. Performances followed in New York later in 1874, Germany in 1875, London 1876, and Paris in 1877. It has since become somewhat of a staple for audiences around the world on and near the New Year. For many years it was broadcast on New Year's Day on PBS with Tony Randal as host.

The music was written by Johann Strauss, Jr. (sometimes he is called Johann Strauss, II.) Known as the "Waltz King" he is immortalized with a golden statue in Stadt Park in the heart of Vienna. The original libretto (words) was written by Karl Hoffner and Richard Genée. The libretto has been adapted to new times and different languages over the years. However, for all its silliness of plot, the operetta continues to be basically about drinking too much champagne and the often comic consequences that can ensue.

The performance opens with an orchestral prelude that lasts almost nine minutes but contains all the melodies that are in the operetta. It puts you in the mood for more Strauss melodies. Act I sets the stage for supposedly grand deceptions by a husband, by his wife, and by her maid. All will individually go to a masquerade party hosted by a Russian Prince. All will be pretending to be someone they are not. Act II takes place at the party where

champagne is consumed and the deceptions deepen and become sillier. Act III takes place at a jail where everyone becomes reconciled and all end up toasting each other with more champagne.

Pat and I have seen live performances of Die Fledermaus at least five times: once all in German, once with speaking parts in English but all singing in German, and three times in English. My favorite recording of this operetta is the 1963 performance with Anna Moffo, Sergio Franchi, Risè Stevens, Jeanette Scovotti and Richard Lewis. The music was performed by the Vienna State Opera Orchestra under the direction of Oscar Danon.

In Act II, Adele, the maid pretending to be an actress, sings:

"Champagne is so romancing, glad they invented France, for when it comes to brewing they knew what they were doing. The less a man is feeling, the more a maid's appealing. Uncork the cork – you'll hear not one objector. It's time that we were all sipping the nectar of all nectars."

And in the finale in Act III the entire cast and chorus sing:

"I'm very fond of elderberry wine and sherry, but the best of wine that's fine I still maintain is good champagne."

Here's a toast to you all (with champagne, of course) and if you like Strauss music you'll love Die Fledermaus.

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

Brother Jim Mathews

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)

Rose Haney, widow of Brother Paul Haney, PGK (2/17/17)

Olga Firpo, relative of Brother John Steffens (3/17)

Monthly Attendance Raffle

The winner of the monthly raffle was Paul Fleury who was not present. The raffle will be \$145 this month.

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

St. Joseph of Cupertino Hall
Cupertino, CA 95014

BINGO HELP WANTED!

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CHARITY**

VOLUNTEER

Every Monday

Every Other Monday

Once a Month on Monday

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April Birthdays

Chris Giovannello
Michael Fischer
Maurice Pribula
Theodore Wyess
Arturo Thiele-Sardina
Kevin Mc Bride
Paul Muller

May your life be long and joyfull!

Treasurer's Report

Income for February 2017

Dues	\$ 120.00
Interest on Savings (Capital One)	7.04
Interest on Savings CD	27.73
Pancake Breakfast	<u>594.35</u>
	<u>\$ 749.12</u>

Expenses for February 2017

Charities	\$ 1,500.00
Christmas Dinner	19.98
Council Rent	1,000.00
Council Supplies	880.00
MACE Printing	139.84
Postage	98.40
Supreme Catholic Advertising	68.00
Warden Expenses	<u>56.51</u>
	<u>\$3,762.73</u>

Ambitious Imagination

by Al Mellin

Where did the time go when I wasn't look'n
I need to pay more attention to what's going on
Watch'n the two year old while doing some cook'n
Napp'n and dream'n bout mowin the lawn
Seems like most my work is only ponder'n
Ambitious imagination, that's my strong suit
Before real actions my mind has just wander'd
After that pied piper just blowing his flute
But very soon I'll get myself back on track
And overcome that which causes my sorrow
I'll give procrastination a really big whack
And do some great things, starting tomorrow

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

Our Guarantees Set Us Apart

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We guarantee the rate and your principal in our retirement annuities.

On top of those product guarantees, I guarantee that I will offer professional, high-quality service that you would expect from our organization.

Our Order is among the highest rated life insurers in North America. AM Best has rated the Knights of Columbus “A++, Superior” for 40 consecutive years. It’s a testament to our track record for excellence and security.

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney by providing life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our organization. We pledge to serve our brother Knights, and their families, according to our Golden Rule: “In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.”

Let’s talk soon to discuss how our products can bring that peace of mind to you and your family.

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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.

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 5:30pm Possible Leisure Night	8
9 Palm Sunday	10 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	11	12	13 Holy Thursday	14 Good Friday	15
16 Easter Sunday	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 6:30pm Host Chapter Dinner-Hall	29
30	May 1	2	3	4	5	6

May 2017

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

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