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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.	Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m.
St. Francis Celebration	
Leisure Night	Oct. 6, 6:00 p.m.
Pasta & Pizza	
PWID—St. Joseph	Oct. 7-8
St. Joseph of Cupertino	
Past Grand Knights' Dinner	
Hall	Oct 17, 6:00 p.m.
Council Officers Mtg.	Oct 25, 7:30 p.m.
Admissions Degree	Oct 26, 7:00 p.m.
PWID—Queen of Apostles	Oct 28-29
Priesthood Sunday	Oct 29, 1:00 p.m.
Gate of Heaven Cemetary	
PWID—Sacred Heart	Nov. 4-5, Mass
Council Business Mtg.	Nov 7, 7:30 p.m.
Memorial Mass	Nov. 21, 7:00 p.m.
Church of the Ascension	
Council Officers Mtg	Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m.
Admissions Degree	Nov. 30, 7:00 p.m.

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Grand Knight's Message

My Brothers,

I know one of the reasons we all joined the Knights of Columbus is to help serve others. We want to serve our families, our Church, and our communities. Well, this month, we have many opportunities to do so. Please pick an activity or two, and plan to help us help others.

First, we will be starting our annual Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities (PWID) collections this month. Each year, we collect funds from people leaving Mass on a particular weekend, at one of the four parishes we serve. Please let the PWID chairman, Bob Rolufs, know which Mass or Masses at your parish you can help out with, and if you're willing to also serve at another parish. Once again, we'll be raising funds for the Special Olympics of Northern California, Help Rehabilitations Services, and the Bay Area KC Foundation.

We're also going to celebrate Priesthood Sunday on October 29 by decorating the

grave-sites of all the priests buried at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. It is said that a priest's grave can be the loneliest place on earth, especially for a priest from another country as their nieces and nephews may come out for the funeral and interment, but soon no one visits them. For the second year, we're going to make sure those priests interred in our area have at least one group of visitors this year. Join us at 1:00 pm in the parking lot near the cemetery office to help out.

October is also the time of year when we celebrate our namesake, St. Francis of Assisi. His memorial is celebrated in the first week of the month. Our council has decided to have a beer, pizza, and pasta party on Friday, October 6, 5:30 pm in his honor. You're all invited, and are free to bring friends. Please let us know how many people are coming by calling Bob Rolufs, 408 253 3213. The council is providing all food and beverages.

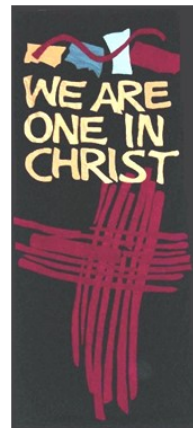
Fraternally,

John Pozniak

Chaplain's Message

Finding Unity with Christ

When Christ founded his holy Church, he called for unity among all people who would listen to his Gospel message. Our world has evolved into many Christian factions over the past 2000 years: Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox and many others, now estimated at 20,000 churches, denominations, fellowships and groups. This is not what our Lord asked us to do, so we must strive to find ways to unify and bring religious practices closer. This



will build more unity in our world and discourage the war and division that we see all around us today. Jesus is waiting patiently to see his Church united. The key that opens the door to unity is recognizing the love of Jesus for all people.

Fr. Joe

Omnium-gatherum

By Jim Schaaf

Omnium-gatherum is just a fancy way of saying miscellaneous, or olio, or potpourri, or grab bag. I fondly recall L.M. Boyd's column called "The Grab Bag," in the Saturday San Francisco Chronicle where he presented amusing and educational factoids. I used to read them to our children when they were still at home. Louie's column was one of the highlights of our weekend. So this omnium-gatherum will periodically appear when I gather enough source material. Here goes with the kick-off. But as it's my thoughts and recollections and even peeves it won't be anywhere near as good as was Louie's Grab Bag.

The Rule ... My brother, Gary, lives in a small town about 25 miles north of Detroit, Michigan. One day on his way to Mass an older woman who lives in his same complex asked him where he was going, since he was so dressed up. He told her he was on his way to Mass. She told him that he was old enough that he didn't have to go any more. He asked her where she had learned that. She replied, "**It's the rule!**" Again he asked her where she found that "rule" and she just replied, "**It's the rule!**" My brother said that there was no arguing with her as her mind was firmly made up. Somehow I think she extrapolated the Lenten fasting rule to Mass attendance. How sad. That's what is known as vincible ignorance.

Confusion ... Talking about **Lenten Fasting and Abstinence Rules**, every year just before Ash Wednesday we receive the Church's rules that govern minimal bodily mortifications during the upcoming penitential season. Fasting is required

on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Abstinence is required on all Fridays including Good Friday as well as on Ash Wednesday. I always thought that the 40 days of Lent were six weeks of six days (not counting any Sunday) plus the four days of the Ash Wednesday week. However, now we are sometimes told that Lent ends the day before Holy Thursday (sometimes called Spy Wednesday) and that the final three days before Easter are not Lent but are the Triduum. Somehow Lent is not 40 days, but not to worry, the number is meant to be symbolic not exact. However, notice that the published Lenten fasting and abstinence rules include Good Friday as if it were part of Lent. I don't know if it confuses you but it does me.

Things change ... I recall the Bing Crosby tune, "Swinging on a Star." It was a tune in the movie, "Going My Way." In that particular song the words were, "**You can be better than you are;** you could be swinging on a star." In other words, work hard, better yourself but don't be satisfied with the status quo and you can improve your life. In the late 1960's, however, the byword became, "**I'm OK; you're OK.**" Two totally opposite messages. One says work to improve, the other says I'm fine just the way I am and there is no need to improve. Somehow the message of the need for repentance and change of life's direction has been reversed. If I'm OK, then that's the way God made me and there is no need to change. And, why should I even attempt to get you to change since you're OK, too?

The Church Sign

By Al Mellin

It's 106° in Cupertino as I begin to write
I'm restoring a sign weathered by age and termites
I'm wondering, though, what new lessons I may learn
The sign restoration took much longer than planned
As much paint was meticulously removed by hand
This church sign was around fifty years old
Surviving dry rot, sun, rain, hungry termites and mold

Despite its age, it was still sound upon inspection
Though not quite dead, it clearly needed resurrection
I began each day reaching for tools and glove
As weeks became months, it was a labor of love
So as progress in made and completion nears
Here's hoping the sign lasts another fifty years



Knights at Ascension Picnic, Sept 10, 2017

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Council of Vatican II in 1962-1965 A.D. – Part I

By Jim Schaaf

Held less than 100 years after Vatican I, this Council was called by Pope St. John XXIII to bring the Church more into the modern world. It was to be a Council focused not on dogma but on pastoral concerns. Before it ended in 1965, the Council, under Pope Paul VI, issued four Constitutions, three Declarations and nine Decrees. This column and the two following will highlight some of the more interesting and little known outcomes from the prolific products of this modern-day Council.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy – December 1963. The general norms were three: regulation of the sacred liturgy depends solely on the authority of the Church; the regulation of the liturgy within certain defined limits belongs also to various kinds of bishop's conferences, legitimately established, with competence in given territories; and, no other person, not even a priest, may add, remove, or change anything in the liturgy on his own authority. And, finally, there must be no innovations unless the good of the Church genuinely requires them, and care must be taken that any new forms adopted should in some way grow organically from the forms already existing. The use of the vernacular, whether in the Mass, the sacraments, or in other parts of the liturgy, may frequently be of great advantage to the people, so a wider use may be made of it, especially in readings, directives and in some prayers and chants. For the Mass the treasures of the Bible are to be opened up more lavishly so that a richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. The rites of all seven sacraments were to be revised. The Divine Office was to be revised with Lauds and Vespers to be considered the chief hours and to be celebrated as such. The Liturgical Calendar was to be revised so that the traditional customs and discipline of the sacred seasons would be preserved or restored to suit the conditions of modern times. Sacred music was discussed and it was desired that religious singing by the faithful was to be intelligently fostered. For Sacred Art and Sacred Furnishings the Council noted that the practice of placing sacred images in churches so that they be venerated by the faithful was to be maintained.

Decree on the Means of Social Communication – December 1963. It is the Church's birthright to use and own any of these media which are necessary or useful for the formation of Christians and for pastoral activity. Pastors of souls have the task of instructing and directing the faithful how to use these media in a way that will ensure their own salvation and perfection and that of all mankind.

Dogmatic Constitution on the Church – November 1964. The faithful, for their part, are obliged to submit to their bishops' decision, made in the name of Christ, in matters of faith and morals, and to adhere to it with a ready and respectful allegiance of mind. This loyal submission of the will and the intellect must be given, in a special way, to the authentic teaching authority of the Roman Pontiff, even when he does not speak *ex cathedra*.

Decree on the Catholic Eastern Churches – November 1964. History, tradition and very many ecclesiastical institutions give clear evidence of the great debt owed to the Eastern Churches by the Church Universal. This Council solemnly declares that the churches of the East like those of the West have the right and duty to govern themselves according to their own special disciplines.

Decree on Ecumenism – November 1964. Worship in common is not to be considered as a means to be used indiscriminately for the restoration of unity among Christians. There are two main principles upon which the practice of such common worship depends: first, that of the unity of the Church which ought to be expressed; and second, that of sharing in the means of grace. The expression of unity generally forbids common worship. Grace to be obtained sometimes commends it. The concrete course is left to the prudent decision of the local Episcopal authority, unless the bishops' conference or the Holy See has determined otherwise.



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
 Brother Ted Wyess' wife Ann
 Brother John Shields
 Trisha McManaman daughter of Brother John Ruzzo
 Nini Cardoza sister-in-law of Brother Al Mellin

Deceased

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 (3/23/17)
 Emilio Firpo father-in-law of Brother John Steffens (4/27/17)
 Brother Robert Cancellieri (5/25/17)
 Joan Schoengold mother of Brother Ron Schoengold (6/19/17)
 Bernadette Foley wife of Brother John Foley (6/30/17)

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

St. Joseph of Cupertino Hall
Cupertino, CA 95014

BINGO HELP WANTED!

**THE MONEY WE RAISE GOES TO
CHARITY**

VOLUNTEER
Every Monday
Every Other Monday
Once a Month on Monday
Be On Call

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To lay wreaths on each veteran's grave.

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www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL 4981 INVITES YOU TO THE 2017 PAST GRAND KNIGHTS' DINNER

**This catered dinner is being held at the Hall
and is being subsidized by your Council**

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

SOCIAL 6:00 PM

DINNER 7:00 PM

Buffet Menu

Grilled Salmon, BBQ Country Pork Ribs
Wild Rice, Red Potatoes & Herbs
Squash Medley

Pumpkin Pie, Chocolate Cake,
Vanilla Ice Cream

Free – Drinks, Beer, Wine, Soda

\$10 per person

<Pay at the Door>

Bring Family and Friends to Celebrate

RSVP Bob Rolufs 408 253 3213

Treasurer's Report

Income for August 2017

Dues	\$	80.00
Interest on Savings (Capital One)		6.96
Interest on Savings CD		27.90
	<u>\$</u>	<u>114.86</u>

Expenses for August 2017

Charities	\$	2,000.00
Computer & Web Exp.		60.00
Council Rent		2,000.00
MACE Printing		278.76
Membership Expenses		1.09
Warden Expenses		41.30
	<u>\$</u>	<u>4,381.15</u>

Directors & Chairmen

Program Director

Al Mellin

Church Director

John Pozniak

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

Community Director

Joe Kenney

- Culture of Life** *Joe Kenney*
- Charities** *Bob Rolufs*
- Divine Mercy & Rosary Visitation** *John Lehane*
- Food for Families** *Dick Sherman/
Bob Rolufs*
- People with Intellectual Disabilities** *Bob Rolufs*
- Mass of Reparation** *Dominic Guido*
- Community Projects** *Round Table Members*
- Breakfast Supreme** *Ron Schoengold*

Council Director

John Lehane

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

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Bob Rolufs

- Leisure Nights** *Bob Rolufs*
- Memorial Mass** *John Lehane*
- Ladies Night** *John Steffens*
- Ice Cream Social** *Grand Knight Elect*
- Christmas Dinner** *Ron Schoengold*
- Annual Picnic** *Bob Rolufs*

Youth Director

John Lehane

- Scholarship Program** *John Lehane*
- Altar Servers Appreciation** *Patrick Kwok*
- Free Throw Contest** *Dominic Guido*
- Essay Contest** *John Lehane*

Membership & Retention

Council Officers

Insurance Article – October 2017

A brief message to my fellow Knights and clients, alerting you to the personal financial facts that may impact you and your loved ones. Feel free to request the additional details.

For many families, losing a loved one is devastating.

It's often the first realization of how inadequate the life insurance proceeds are to meet the family's financial needs.

The grief is hard enough, but handling financial burdens without adequate funds can be almost unbearable.

Whether you're an empty nester or you have minor children, when a loved one dies unexpectedly, financial difficulties may make it impossible for a surviving spouse to maintain their lifestyle.

The financial loss may eliminate funds for a child's college education, or even require selling a home due to a mortgage payment that is no longer affordable.

When insurance is so affordable, why allow financial issues to hurt your loved ones?

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- Raymond Schmidt
- John Lewis
- Brian Mccrone
- Charles Snyder
- Richard Sherman
- Vincent Moughan

May your life be long and joyfull!

Monthly Attendance Raffle

The winner of the monthly raffle was **Victor Gutierrez** who was not present. The raffle will be \$175 this month.

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.

October 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 1	2 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	3 7:30pm Council Business Meeting	4	5	6 St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day Celebration 6:00pm Pasta and Pizza Liesure Night Celebrate St. Francis	7 PWID-St. Joseph of Cupertino
8 PWID-St. Joseph of Cupertino	9 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	17 6:00pm Past Grand Knights Dinner-Hall (Catered by David Barnes)	18	19	20	21
22	23 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	24	25 7:30pm Council Officers Meeting	26 7:00pm Admissions Degree	27	28 PWID-Queen of Apostles
29 PWID-Queen of Apostles 1:00pm Priesthood Sunday (Decorate Graves at Gate of Heaven Cemetary)	30 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	31	Nov 1	2	3	4

November 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 29	30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4 PWID-Sacred Heart-Mass
5 PWID-Sacred Heart-Mass	6 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	7 7:30pm Council Business Meeting	8	9	10	11
12	13 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	21 7:00pm Memorial Mass (Ascensoin - Fr. Joe)	22	23	24	25
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