

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2016

Free Family Dinner - Jan 10 (Emilio Espinoza 906-9998)
Membership Drive - Jan 10 (Michael Meade 390-8343)
4th Degree Family Mass - Jan 10
College Bowl - Jan 11 (Ron Huerth 526-4935)
Council 5803 Anniversary - Jan 23 (Paul Burke 581-1175)
One Life LA - Jan 23 (Joe Ferrall 428-1894)
4th Degree Knight at the races - Jan 29 (Dan Owens 522-8583)
3rd Degree in Oxnard - Jan 30 (Michael Meade 390-8343)
Council Family Mass - Jan 31 (Bob Smith 578-0434)
Pro Life Breakfast - Jan 31 Tony Lemos 584-3803)

FEBRUARY 2016

4th Degree Karen Roberts Memorial Lunch - Feb 6
Super Bowl Party - Feb 7 (Ron Huerth 526-4935)
Ash Wednesday - Feb 10
Lenten Fish Fry starts - Feb 12
Council dues are due - Feb 15 (Gil Lindberg 583-0725)
Free Family Dinner - Feb 21 (Emilio Espinoza 906-9998)
Partners in Service Dinner - Feb 21 (Bill Alexander 527-4720)

MARCH 2016

K of C Annual Retreat Mar 4-6 (Mike Palacios 581-9506)
St Patric's Day dinner - Mar 17 (Ron Huerth 526-4935)
Blood Drive - Mar 19 (Paul Friedeborn 297-6473)

APRIL 2016

Free Family Dinner - April 3 (Emilio Espinoza 906-9998)
Casino Night - April 9 (Mike Palacios 581-9506)
International Dinner - April 7 (Cliff Wirtzs)
Family Mass—April 24 (Bob Smith 578-0434)
Pro Life Breakfast - April 24 (Tony Lemos 584-3803)
4th Degree Nominations - Apr 20 (Bill Alexander 527-4720)
Good Samaritan Bike Ride - Apr 23 (Rick Ostrich 501-8818)

MAY 2016

Cinco de Mayo - May 1 (Tony Demarco 558-4328)
State Convention May 19 -21 (Cliff Wirtz 208-8970)
Postal Food Drive - TBD
4th Degree Elections - May 18 (Bill Alexander 527-4720)
Council Nominations - May 10 (Bill Alexander 527-4720)
Bowling Banquet - TBD (Bill Alexander 527-4720)

JUNE 2016

Chili Cook Off - Jun 12 (Rick Ostrich 501-8818)
Council Elections - Jun 14 (Bill Alexander 527-4720)
Blood Drive - Jun 18 (Paul Friedeborn 297-6473)
K of C Golf Tournament - June 27 (Jeff Sage 813-2599)

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**HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY
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COUNCIL 5803 EVENTS			
FAMILY EVENTS	CHAIRMAN	TEL	E-MAIL
Fish Fries—1st Friday .and Lenten	Jorge Curiel (Cecilia)	526-5188	familycuriel@sbcglobal.net
Columbus Day Dinner .	Lu / Tony Gammariello	522-9548	tgammy@yahoo.com
Thanksgiving Day Dinner	Tony Demarco (Suzette)	558-4328	tonyd.1@sbcglobal.net
Turkey Shoot	Tony Lemos (Loretta)	584-3803	elvisman7@sbcglobal.net
Kids Easter Party	Faustino Villanueva / Emilio Espinoza	527-0438 / 906-9998	armandoJacobins@yahoo.com
Monday Night Football	PGK Ron Huerth	526-4935	rlhuerth@sbcglobal.net
Super Bowl Party	PGK John Linscott / Ron Huerth	526-4935	jlinsscott1@att.net / rlhuerth@sbcglobal.net
St Patrick's Day Dinner	PGK Ron Huerth	526-4935	rlhuerth@sbcglobal.net
Healthy Living Director	Frank Wilhelmi (Jo)	526-6194	wilhelmi@pacbell.net
Cinco de Mayo	Tony Demarco (Suzette)	558-4328	tonyd.1@sbcglobal.net
Kid's Christmas Party	Tony Demarco (Suzette)	558-4328	tonyd.1@sbcglobal.net

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Family Mass	SK Bob Smith	578-0434	truestorybob@hotmail.com
Golf Tournament	SK Jeff Sage	813-2599	sage1999@att.net
Installation of Officers	PGK Al McKinley (Jo)	527-2056	angelslover@roadrunner.com
PGK Testimonial Dinner	SK Bob Smith	578-0434	truestorybob@hotmail.com
Bishop Fishing Trip	PGK Bill Alexander (Lori)	527-4720	balxndr@roadrunner.com
Christmas Cards	PGK Norm Ouellette	551-3704	njouellette7@yahoo.com
K of C 5803 Toy Drive	Tony Demarco (Suzette)	558-4328	tonyd.1@sbcglobal.net
International Dinner/Vocation Sunday	DD Cliff Wirtz (Paula)	208-8970	cawpaw@aol.com
Charter Night	Paul Burke (Lisa)	581 1175	paulrobertburke@gmail.com
Annual Men's Retreat	PGK Mike Palacios (Lois)	581-9506	jayntoots@sbcglobal.net
Chili Cook Off—June	PGK Rick Ostrich	501-8818	rickostrich@yahoo.com
Turnover Dinner	PGK Al McKinley (Jo)	527-2056	angelslover@roadrunner.com
Membership	Mike Mead	390-8343	sirmichaelmead@gmail.com
Memorial Mass	SK Bob Smith	578-0434	truestorybob@hotmail.com
Bingo	DD Cliff Wirtz (Paula)	208-8970	cawpaw@aol.com
Family Dinners	Emilio / Faustino	906-9998 / 527-0438	EEspinozaJr@gmail.com
COMMUNITY EVENTS	CHAIRMAN	TEL	E-MAIL
Helping Hands	OPEN		
PADS	PGK Rick Ostrich (Betsy)	501-8818	rickostrich@yahoo.com
Homeless Dinner	Tony Loniero (Catherine)	527-2254	tloniero@sbcglobal.net
	Bob Joyce	526-2220	mgtnbob@aol.com
MRC Tootsie Roll Drive Oct 2011	John Antonacci	559-2944	john_thetilepro@yahoo.com
Christian Service Program	PGK Earl Todd (Angie)	818-312-0802	toddearl@rocketmail.com
Pro-Life Breakfast	Tony Lemos (Loretta)	584-3803	elvisman7@sbcglobal.net
	George Lemos (Sandy)	584-9816	lemos11@sbcglobal.net
Blood Drive	Paul Friedeborn (Adelina)	522-6080	paulf@rsrpd.us
Simi Valley Days	SK John MacKenzie	522-9818	ukmackenzie@yahoo.com
Various Food Drives	PGK Earl Todd	818-312-0802	toddearl@rocketmail.com
Scholarship	PGK Herman Conant (Jean)	581-2332	hcfoto38@yahoo.com
Free Throw Contest	George Gnesda /James Collis	522-5699	g.gnez@yahoo.com
Hanicapable Lunch	Tony Demarco	558-4328	tonyd.1@sbcglobal.net

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

BROTHER KNIGHTS:

COUNCIL 5803 SHOULD BE PROUD OF ALL THE GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT OCCURRED IN 2015. I WILL NOT GO OVER ALL THAT WAS DONE IN 2015, BUT ALL OF YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF WHAT 5803 HAS DONE.

THE PAST MONTH, DEC. 2015, WAS A VERY BUSY MONTH. BESIDES THE MONTHLY OFFICERS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS, WE CONDUCTED A 1st. DEGREE, OUR REGULAR FRIDAY FISH FRY DINNER, 4 SATURDAY BINGOS, 4 PADS, A BLOOD DRIVE, A VERY SUCCESSFUL HANDICAPABLES PARTY, 2 HOMELESS DINNERS, ONE OF WHICH WAS HELD ON CHRISTMAS EVE, S.T.I.N. TOY GIVE AWAY TO THE DELIGHT OF HUNDREDS OF OUR UNFORTUNATE FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WE ALSO PREPARED AND SET-UP FOR THE KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY AT OUR HALL. AND FINNALLY OUR NEW YEARS EVE PARTY----TO END THE YEAR.

WE ALL HOPE AND PRAY THAT WE WILL HAVE ANOTHER YEAR THAT WILL BRING AS MUCH REWARDING EXPERIENCES AND JOY AS THE PAST YEAR.

BOB SPIELMAN GK

From the Financial Secretary—2016 Dues

By the January Business meeting everyone should have received his 2016 dues statement. If you have not received a statement please give me a call. (805 583-0725)

Your 2016 Dues are due by 2/15/16. You can pay annually or quarterly. If the payment of the dues creates a financial hardship, please contact the Grand Knight to discuss your particular situation.

For those who do not know, out of your \$44.00 dues, we pay \$16.48 to:

K of C State per capita (\$11.60)

K of C Supreme per capita and variable assessments (\$4.88)

The remaining \$27.52 goes to support the operating cost of the council. Once you join the Knights, this \$16.48 has to be paid by the council whether you pay your dues or not. So if you don't pay your dues, the money has to come from the funds set aside for the operating costs.

The only way we can avoid paying the \$16.48 is to process the proper "Disability-Relief From Payment" form or for you to send a written request for withdrawal from the Knights. This can be written on the returned invoice.

God Bless you and loved ones.

Gil Lindberg
Financial Secretary
805 583-0725

P.S. The \$1.00 mailing assessment pays for the postage of mailing your statement and membership cards.

WE HAD A DREAM - FINAL CHAPTER

RUSS:

I opened with a quote from Edmund Burke. I want to repeat it now.

“They who never look back to their ancestors will never look forward to posterity.” We had a dream back then. You, today, are that dream fulfilled. And now, *you* must have a dream. We think it is important for you to express that dream and we are making an opportunity for you to do just that.

1. That Council 5803 compile and publish a formal history by soliciting all present and past members for their memories, recollections, and photographs.
2. That Council 5803 address a mailing with a questionnaire and comment page to past and present members of the Council and of the Columbiettes for recording their visions, dreams and goals for the future.

That, when assembled, it be printed and a copy given to each member upon attaining their First Degree.

WE HAD A DREAM. **YOU** ARE THAT DREAM.

SHOW US YOUR DREAM!

In this edition of the Council bulletin we included the final chapter of “We had a dream”, PGK Russ Ireland and his wife Gail’s reminiscences of the first years of Council 5803 and his challenge to the current Knights to take the baton that has been handed to us and create our own dream that we can pass on to future generations of Knights.

In the past 50 years we’ve come a long way. For the calendar year 2014, our Council made charitable contributions in the amount of \$103,000.00 that included Church, Community, Culture of Life and Youth. We also had almost 75,000 Volunteer hours. Council 5803, give yourselves a pat on the back but let’s not rest on our laurels. Let’s make our second 50 years better than the first 50.

We need the new generation of Knights to step up to the plate and work with the same faith, dedication and enthusiasm as our Charter Members did. Brother Knights, remember why we joined the Knights of Columbus and what our principles are: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

The Council anniversary bash will take place on Saturday, January 23rd. Come on down to show your appreciation to our Council and to GK Bob Spielman for his 50 years of service.

Baby Jesus teaches people to let go of ego, be humble, kind, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The Christmas season is a time to learn from baby Jesus to let go of selfishness and be humble and giving as he is, Pope Francis said.

In fact, people should take the little figurine of Jesus from their Nativity scene and kiss it, "and tell Jesus, 'I want to humble like you, humble like God,'" the pope said Dec. 30 during his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square.

The pope dedicated his catechesis to the importance of contemplating baby Jesus. The Christmas season offers a timely occasion for this reflection, since many people customarily set up a Nativity scene at home, he said.

Pope Francis said the figure of the holy infant in his simple crib invites people to adore the child Jesus and to contemplate the mystery of the incarnation as a revelation of God's saving love.

"In order to grow in the faith, we need to reflect more often on baby Jesus," who came into the world in such a humble way "for us," he said.

"This is a great mystery: God is humble. We, who are proud, full of vanity, who think we're a big deal, yet we're nothing. He is great, he is humble and he became a child. This is a true mystery. God is humble. This is beautiful," the pope said.

While the New Testament offers few accounts of Jesus' infancy and early childhood, the pope said people can still learn a lot by looking at the children in the world.

"We discover, most of all, that children want our attention. They have to be at the center of attention -- because they're proud? No. Because they need to feel protected," he said.

"We, too, have to put Jesus at the center of our lives and realize, even if it seems paradoxical, that we have a responsibility to protect him.

"He wants to be in our arms, he wants to be looked after and be able to fix his gaze onto ours," he said.

Just as being affectionate to a child can make him or her smile, people can "make baby Jesus smile by demonstrating our love and our joy because he is among us."

"His smile is a sign of that love that gives us assurances of being loved," the pope said.

Children also show that when it's playtime, adults have to let go of their own mindset and enter into the world of that child, the pope said. "We have to understand what he likes and not be self-centered and make him do what we like. It's a lesson for us."

"Before Jesus, we are called to let go of our pretension of autonomy -- and this is the heart of the problem, you know, our pretense of autonomy -- in order to embrace instead the true form of freedom, which consists of recognizing whom we have before us and serving him," he said.

"He, the child, is the son of God who comes to save us. He came among us to show us the face of the father so full of love and mercy. So hold the baby Jesus tight in our arms and let us put ourselves at his service. He is the source of love and serenity."

January Birthdays

Robert Goerisch	01/01
Normand J. Ouellette	01/01
Andrew Prete	01/05
Severo Gomex	01/05
Jerem Atteberry	01/07
Michael Doria	01/09
Gerald Giarrusso	01/10
Richard Herrera	01/11
Luminoso Cruz	01/12
Steve Milas	01/12
James Schwagerl	01/12
James P. Small	01/12
Jose Torres	01/12
John Gryga	01/13
Jason Bolognino	01/13
PGK John Mc Dermott	01/14
Nicholas Cigan	01/14
Don Corson	01/14
Domineck Costanzo	01/15
Anthony Keehne	01/16
Peter L. Carnicella Jr.	01/17
Alexander MacKenzie	01/17
Todd Sanders	01/17
Mark Zorick	01/19
Joe Lo Dolce	01/20
Ferdinand Pineda	01/21
Vincent L. Jones	01/22
Rev. Robert Garon	01/23
Ed Noreika	01/23
Budiman Gondosubroto	01/25
John Peate	01/25
Paul Van Nest	01/25
Tom White	01/25
Ernesto DeLeon	01/25
Michael Porras	01/26
Kirk Brennan	01/27
Nathan Howard	01/28
Carlos Robles	01/28
Sergio Orono	01/29
Robert Joyce	01/29
John Martinez	01/30



9 months to go Annual Bishop Fishing Trip Sep 29 - Oct 2 2016

I don't think it is too early to start thinking about our annual fishing trip. How many times have you said to yourself that you should go on the trip at least once? This trip should be on your bucket list. Start thinking now and be ready when the next trip comes around.

The annual Men's KCO (K of C Outdoor Club) fishing trip to the Bishop Creek area of the Eastern Sierra's is held on the 1st weekend of October.

Join me and 40-50 of your Brother Knights, friends, and families for a great weekend. In addition to the South Fork of Bishop Creek that runs through the campground, there are the South Lake, North Lake, Lake Sabrina and Intake 2 fishing areas nearby.

The event is held at the Creekside RV Park with campsites, RV sites, and trailers available for rent. **You must make your own reservation for sites.** They hold a few sites for us but they are first come-first serve. Contact the office at Creekside for a reservation of your desired site. Be sure to tell them that you will be part of our group. They may be reached at 760-873-4483.

Activities include a fishing derby with many prizes (adults and kids, depending on attendance), a BBQ Tri-Tip Dinner on Saturday Night, and card games when there are enough interested players. If we have enough interest and help we may have a Sunday morning breakfast.

Beautiful mountain (elevation 8300 ft at the campgrounds) scenery, good fishing (trout up to 5 lbs) and good people. You shouldn't pass it up. Ask anybody that has ever gone, they will tell you what a great weekend it is.

This event is open to Council and Assembly members, their families, and friends. We generally have only male guests (let your wives and daughters have a "ladies night out" with other fishing trip widows).

Lets hope that the weather, the Edison Company, and assorted others allow for more water into South Lake, Lake Sabrina, and the creeks. Like all of California, the Eastern Sierras need water/rain/snow. Let us pray that our drought ends before we have more serious water shortages and possible rationing.

Special Note: The pond within the Creekside Campgrounds continues to be under control of the California Department of Fish and Game. They stock the pond on their schedule. All normal Fish and Game laws apply.

Some of us made reservations for next year's trip as we checked out. The annual Men's KCO (K of C Outdoor Club) fishing trip to the Eastern Sierra's is held annually on the 1st weekend of October.

For more information, please contact me at a Council or Assembly Event or call me.

SK Bill Alexander PGK
KCO Club Event Chairman
805-527-4720

Bereavement Report

Hi my Brothers and their Families;

We sure hope one and all had as best of a super & holy Thanksgiving this year, as it has been a rough last 2 months of 2015 with illness, sickness, and etc.. With Cody Gorechi son of John & Jodi being in a motorcycle accident, Andy Budinsky back in the hospital, our brother Jim Krebs is now out of the hospital and at home recuperating, Barbara Prete [PGK> Andy's Wife] is home recuperating also, PGK. Errol Todd also recuperating from an operation, John Chisholm is at home recuperating, Sara Spencer [Jim's Wife] came home and is under Hospice care, Tammy Brandt [Dave Tellez Daughter] , and our brother, Dan Lang who is in ill health. .

Let's not forget those that need are prayers also PGK Herman Conant, PGK. Al Coster, Rachel McCracken Congestive heart Failure [PGK. John's Wife], Ralph Rodgers [operation], James Brandt [Dave Tellez Son in Law], Colleen Small [Jim's Wife] Chris Smith Cancer [Bob Smith's cousin], PDD. & PGK, Bill Williams is in an assisted living home in 1000 Oaks, and . Andrew Cicoria, Pat and Jan Moran, John Linscott PGK., Jan Strojcek Heart attack [Deceased PGK. Gene Strojcek wife], PGK John Mitchell, Jerry Wirtz [PGK. Cliff Wirtz's brother], Richard Case, Robert Goerich, Andrew Budinski, Tyler Ritch, Harold "Chris Lev Jr., Pat Silvestri, Michael Wilkomm, Afra Rodgers [Ralph's wife], Tom Susan's [son of deceased brother Tom Susan's] , Lois Huerth [PGK. Ron's wife], Dan & Carmel Kelly ,Paul Friedeborn Family,Kittie Fidermutz [Lonnie Todd's Daughter], John Erickson [Fred's son], Cathy Sullivan [Patrick's Wife], Emily Como [Paul's wife], Julia Mora [Joe Lopez's Daughter], Peggy Giarrussio [Gerald's Wife] , Dante Ferrari [Patrick Ferrari son], Chelsea White { Deceased brother Jack's Granddaughter}, Isabelle McCabe [Doug Conant's niece] Greg Cassidy, Bernice Hansen, and Debbie Hollar ..

Please continue praying for our serviceman and women, as they continue to serve throughout the world, helping to maintain peace and the ideals of our country. My Brothers, if you know of someone in your family, or a friend who is in ill health, who needs our prayers, please give us a call at the phone numbers below to let us know.

Peace and God Blessings always,
PGK. Al & Jo McKinley 527-2056
PGK. Bill & Lori Alexander 527-4720
PGK. Ron Huerth 526 - 4935

4TH DEGREE CORNER-ASSEMBLY 2557

Upcoming events:

1. Jan 10 - 4th Degree Family mass
2. Jan 29 - Knight at the races
3. Feb 6 - Karen Roberts Memorial Ladies Lunch
4. March TBD - Disabled Veterans Lunch
5. April 9 - Casino Night

4th Degree notes:

The January Assembly meeting has been moved to Wednesday, Jan 13 at 7:30 PM.

The first Casino Night Planning meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 6 at the hall at 6:30 pm. This event is the 4th Degree's only fund raiser of the year and requires a lot of man power to make it a success. Come on down to the meeting and volunteer or call PGK Mike Palacios at 581-9506.



DEACON'S CORNER

New Year's Resolutions

Christmas is over, the New Year is here. Many have made New Year's Resolutions that are secular in nature. How about resolutions dedicated to God's mercy this year. Pope Francis' challenge, this year of Mercy, is for us to practice the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The Holy Father says mercy is "the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us."

As Knights of Columbus, each of us must examine the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. We need to take each of these works of mercy, carefully read it and reflect on what we have done in this area.

We should ask ourselves how we measure up to the spiritual works of mercy.

1. How have I provided education for others to lead a better life?
2. How have I helped those who are doubtful about their holiness.?
3. Have I with charity in my heart, caution those who sin?
4. Can I be patient with those who have wronged me?
5. Can I willingly forgive those who have wronged me?
6. Have I been there for those in sadness and sorrow?
7. Do I pray for all those who have asked me and for all who died?
8. How are we doing with the corporal works of mercy?
9. Do I help feed the hungry?
10. Do I give drink to the thirsty?
11. How do I assist those who need clothing?
12. Have I helped or provided shelter for those who need it?
13. Do I visit and comfort those who are sick?
14. Have I visited those in prison or helped those who have members in prison?
15. Am I present at funerals and help people grieve the loss of loved ones?

PARISH NEWS



**St. Rose of Lima
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*"To evangelize and share the
Gospel, walk with one another on
our journey of faith, and draw
others into Christ's one, holy,
catholic and apostolic Church."*

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

December 27, 2015



*From all of us at St. Rose of Lima Church
Priests, and Staff
wish you a "Very Happy and Prosperous New Year"*

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Merry Christmas! As I write these words, I am gathering my thoughts to prepare for the liturgies of Christmas.

I don't know about you, but for me Christmas is a time when I reflect on the year that is passing away, the new year that lies before me and, in a deeper way, every Christmas brings to mind the many past Christmases of my life.

This is part of the beauty and the mystery of Christmas.

At the beginning of the midnight Mass for Christmas, it is customary to recite the beautiful

"Proclamation of the Birth of Christ" — a reading of history from the beginning of the world:

"Today, the 25th day of December, unknown ages from the time when God created the heavens and the earth and then formed man and woman in his own image. ... Several thousand years after the flood. ... One thousand years from the anointing of David as king. ... The 42nd year of the reign of Octavian Augustus. ... Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming ... was born in Bethlehem of Judea of the Virgin Mary. Today is the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh."

*Archbishop
José H. Gomez*



Christmas changes everything. Because on Christmas the eternal God enters into our human reality of time and space.

Christmas changes "time" — past, present and future. Christmas shows us that time is not a series of "chance" events or random things that happen.

Christmas tells us that all of time has a direction — everything from the start of creation is leading to the nativity of Jesus. Not only the history of nations, but also the life-story of every person. The meaning of our lives, our time on earth, is now wrapped up in the event of Christmas.

Christmas changes "space" — everything now points back to the manger in Bethlehem and the Child we find there. No matter who we are, or where we live, or what time we are living in — the pathway of our life now passes through Bethlehem, through Jesus Christ. Every life begins again at the manger.

Christmas is a new morning for the world and a new morning for each one of us. Christmas says: Yes, we can find love. Yes, we can know mercy. Yes, we can lead a happy life that leads us to heaven.

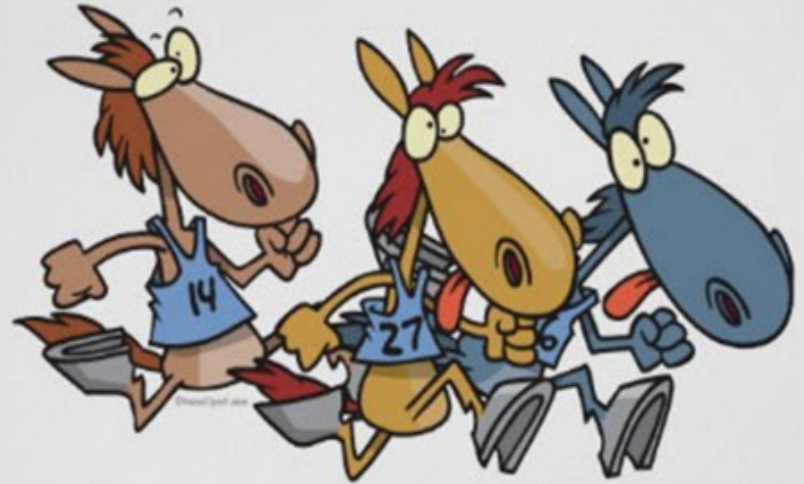
COUNCIL 5803 MEMORIAL MASS

On last November 24th, we had our Annual Memorial Mass at our hall. With over 90 of our brothers and their families were in attendance. It was a solemn event in honoring our deceased brothers and members of their families. With Father Joe Shea presiding over the Mass and doing another SUPER Service for our deceased brothers. With Grand Knight Bob Spielman ringing the bell at the special part of the Mass in which each of our brothers deceased names were announced. Afterwards we had Desert, Coffee, and punch. All the above made it, we hope, a night to remember for one and all especially for our deceased families.

Peace and God Bless
Al McKinley
Chairman



Fr. McDonagh Assembly 2557 presents **A Knight at the Races**



Friday January 29th, Council 5803 KC Hall
Open to All Council & Assembly
Knights, Wives & Friends

Bring a favorite snack or dessert to share
(Not a Dinner event)

Hall opens at 6:00 pm
Races start at 7:00 pm. Place your bets and their off!

Need more info? Call PFN Dan Owens (522-8583)



KREBS FAMILY FUND RAISER

Dear Friends,

I feel very thankful and blessed to be able to sit here with Jim and write this to you all. The past three months have been challenging to say the least. We would like to take the time to first and foremost thank God. Lord you are Amazing and do perform miracles.

A very special thanks to our Brother Knights and Sisters for such an outstanding event you undertook for Monday night football last month. All your hard work during such a busy time of year was extremely appreciated. Truly an act of mercy.

It took an enormous amount of stress off our family and i was able to focus on caring for jim and taking care of the boys.

It was amazing to see such an outpouring of generosity from a community that we both have grown up. The Italian dinner was delicious right down to the last cannoli!

The work that the Knights of Columbus men do often go unnoticed but never unappreciated. What a humble but generous group of men. (The women behind these men are equally as amazing!) We look forward to celebrating over 50 years of service at this year's Charter night!

Our family feels so blessed to be part of St Rose. It has been our parish for over 45 years. Both jim and I made our First Holy Communion in this parish. Most of all we appreciate all the prayers that were said for jim and his complete healing and safety. While Jim was in the hospital, I would hear that Father Shea offered masses for jim, along with so many parishioners sending prayer cards, and making dinners for our family.

It all helped us out more than you ever know and honestly gave me strength. Thank you again...

Abundant Blessings and Merry Christmas to you all!

Love,
The Krebs Family



OneLife LA

Downtown Los Angeles
January 23rd, 2016

Join thousands for the 2nd annual event celebrating the beauty and dignity of every human life. Acompáñenos al segundo evento anual en celebración de la belleza y dignidad de cada ser humano.

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¡Inscríbase gratis hoy @ UnaVidaLA.org!

Bring your school, parish, family, and community group!
¡Invite a su escuela, parroquia, familia y comunidad!

CHRISTMAS TOY GIVEAWAY

I want to thank everyone for the toys they gave this Christmas season.
You put a smile on a child's face this Christmas
I also want to thank everyone for helping with the Knights of Columbus toy giveaway

Thanks again,
God bless you and your family this new year.
Tony DeMarco, DGK



National College Championship

Clemson and Alabama

will take place on

Monday, January 11th starting at 5:30 PM.

Come on down to the hall and watch the game with your Brother Knights.

The menu will consist of Chicago style Italian beef sandwiches prepared by Tony Bonomo and Mark Griffith. Price is \$5.00

Doors open at 4:00 PM, the game starts at 5:30 PM

Thank You and God Bless
Ron Huerth PGK Chairman

The logo features the year '2016' in a large, white, outlined font. The '0' is replaced by a stylized yellow and black football. Below the year, the words 'NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP' are written in a bold, white, sans-serif font, and 'JANUARY 11 | ARIZONA' is written in a smaller, yellow, sans-serif font.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
JANUARY 11 | ARIZONA

SUPER BOWL FEBRUARY 7th, 2016

It's that time of year, our 13th Super Bowl Party at the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL.

We want to thank all the brothers and their wives and or friends that helped support Monday Night Football, without their effort and participation we would not be having this party. A special thanks to those that took the time to cook and donate a great meal you are the main stay of this event.

February 7th is the date. The doors to the Knights Hall will open at 2PM, please do not show up before then as we will still be setting up the hall.

Reservations are a must, we can only accommodate comfortably 84 people..

The folks that supported M N F have first priority for reservations. I will start taking reservations on January 10th thru January 24th. The cost is still Twelve Dollars for the Steak Dinner with all the trimmings, if you are not having the dinner a charge of Five Dollars to help defray the cost of other food we will be serving. PLEASE NO CHECKS.

Once again the GRAND PRIZE is \$500.00 which will be drawn as soon as the game ends, you must be present to win. Each person that buys the twelve dollar dinner will be given one raffle ticket free we will be selling tickets all during the game for the grand prize and other prizes.

We will have 2 poker tables set for you high rollers, also a few other games to make the day interesting

To make reservations please call PGK Ron Huerth at 805 526 4935.

Reservations can be made starting Jan. 10th thru Jan 24th No exceptions.

Thank you and God Bless



POPE FRANCIS

VATICAN CITY – For Pope Francis, the path forward from Christmas can be found in the martyrdom of St. Stephen, especially in his transforming forgiveness of his persecutors. “If we want to move forward in faith, first of all we must receive the forgiveness of God. We must meet the Father, who is ready to forgive everything and always,” Pope Francis told a crowd gathered in St. Peter’s Square before the Angelus prayers Saturday. Forgiveness “heals the heart and revives love,” he added. “We must never tire of asking God’s forgiveness, because only when we are forgiven—when we feel forgiven—we learn to forgive.” The Pope’s Dec. 26 remarks reflected on the martyrdom of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, whose feast day falls on the day after Christmas. “Yesterday we contemplated the merciful love of God who became flesh for us. Today we see the consistent response of the disciple of Jesus, who gives his life,” Pope Francis said. “Yesterday the Savior was born on earth. Today his faithful witness is born to heaven. Yesterday, as today, the darkness of the denial of life appears. But shining still stronger is the light of love that overcomes hatred and inaugurates a new world.” The Pope cited Stephen’s forgiveness before he was killed by stoning. Stephen, one of the first Christians, asked God not to charge his murderers with their sin. St. Stephen acts like Jesus: he loves, he gives, and he especially forgives. Forgiveness is “the highest expression” of giving, the Pope said. St. Stephen’s death shows the power of forgiveness: the anti-Christian persecutor Saul was at the martyrdom. Saul soon became Paul, the great Christian apostle to the gentiles. “We can say that Paul was born by the grace of God and the forgiveness of Stephen,” the Pope said. “We too are born from God’s forgiveness. Not only in baptism, but every time we are forgiven our heart is reborn, it is regenerated.” “Only when we are loved can we love ourselves,” he added. He said that praying like St. Stephen is a way to imitate Jesus and to begin to forgive the small or great wrongs that each person suffers each day. “It starts from your heart: With prayer, we can face the resentment that we feel by entrusting those who have done evil to the mercy of God,” Pope Francis said. Prayer and love “set us free from the chains of inner resentment,” he continued. “It’s so bad to live in resentment! Every day we have the opportunity to train ourselves to forgive, to live this act that brings man closer to God. Like our Heavenly Father, we too become merciful, because through forgiveness we overcome evil with good, we transform hate into love and so we make the world more pure.”

HAVE WE LEARNED NOTHING?



CHRISTMAS EVE HOMELESS DINNER

"Come Bob Spielman, Nate Howard, John Mackenzie, and George Gnesda. Come Tony Bonomo, Tony Loniero, Rick Ostrich, and Ron Huerth." Santa said, "I've counted to eight. We need to go. We can't be late! It's very dark this Christmas Eve night and we have people to feed".

Thank you so much to the Brother Knights and their Ladies who gave up their Christmas Eve and came to the hall to provide a delicious hot meal to those in our community who are less fortunate than us.

We could feel the true spirit of Christmas in the hall as well as the principals the Knights of Columbus stand for.



HELP NEEDED

HELP NEEDED - I will be needing the help of two brother Knights with getting 9 items from our hall to Wood Ranch golf club on **Jan 23rd** at 10:00 am for the 50th anniversary gala. If you can help please contact John Antonacci at 805-559-2944 or E-mail him at john_thetilepro@yahoo.com



Thank you

JOB OPENING

After five years as your bulletin editor it is my desire to hand over the job at the end of this Columbian year on June 30th, 2016. Any interested brother can give me a call and I would be glad to fill you in on what the job requirements are.

It is a great opportunity to volunteer and provide a valuable service to our council

Fred Valdez
Bulletin Editor
428-6413



Bingo Workers

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We are in need of more pull tab workers. Training is free and it is not a hard job. For pull tabs you basically sell lottery tickets to the players. If you are new to the council please call me so I can get you on the Bingo Schedule. If you can't work a specific weekend in February or have a shift preference please email me at webmaster@kc5803.org. I produce the schedule around the 2nd Wednesday of the month before. So get me any special requests for February by January 12th

I have also begun to post the bingo worker schedule online at www.kc5803.org, you will need a password to access it. This is the same password as for the roster. Call me if you need the password.

PGK Rick Ostrich, 805-501-8818

Knights of Columbus Bowling League

Our 2015-2016 season continues on Thursdays thru May 2016. We are bowling with 10 teams of 4 bowlers per team this season. If we have more interest in the future we can add more teams. Think about joining us this season as a sub, or add your name to the wait list for a regular position.

We can always use subs and our fees are reasonable. Only \$3 for a sub after you pay your USBC Sanctioning fees of \$20 (estimated). Let me know if you are interested in joining as a regular bowler or substitute. Returning bowlers have priority on being a regular again. Additional new regular bowlers will be asked/allowed to bowl with the following order: being a Knight, a Knight's spouse, or part of a Knight's family (age 18 and older). Friends, neighbors, coworkers or others with an existing regular bowler as a sponsor will be considered as space allows.

SK Bill Alexander PGK
Bowling League President



Welcome two new members to Council 5803, Alberto Duarte and Jaime Zavala. Also in the picture are Willy Romero, Insurance rep and degree team members PGK Dan Owens and PGK Mike Palacios.

WELCOME
TO OUR
COUNCIL

BLOOD DRIVE

As we'll be approaching the Easter season (after the current Christmas season) please take the time to think about rolling up your sleeve for the Knights of Columbus quarterly blood drive on Saturday March 19, 2016 at St Rose of Lima parish hall from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. As many of our older brothers are not able to give blood for various reasons, our younger (70 years and below) members need to step up to the plate and donar sangre. Please call Paul Friedeborn at 522-6080, 297-6473, or call UBS at 654-1600 or contact them online.

FISH FRY DINNER FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

5:00pm – 6:30pm
Knights of Columbus Hall
1255 Patricia Ave.

The dinner includes: a delicious BBQ or fried fish with cole slaw, fried clams, French fries, mac & cheese, bread roll, coffee, punch & dessert. Bring



POPE'S INTENTIONS JANUARY

Universal: Interreligious Dialogue

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Evangelization: Christian Unity

That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.



ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN

**FIRST SATURDAY
OF EVERY MONTH**

Please Join Us.

Assumption Cemetery
on Fitzgerald Rd.
9:30am

Upcoming Knights of Columbus Cruise

As our cruise draws near I would like to give you an update. Currently we have 18 couples and 3 singles booked. We had a meeting on December 6th when we received our ticket packages. When you read this article we will have about 2 weeks before we sail.

We sail on Monday, January 18, 2016 returning on Friday, January 22, 2016. We sail on the Crown Princess from San Pedro, a day at sea, stopping in Santa Barbara, then on to a stop in Ensenada Mexico, then back to San Pedro.

This has been a big hit so we may plan another cruise for the Knights, families and friends in the future (about 3 - 5 years).

SK Bill Alexander PGK
Cruise Coordinator
805-527-4720

January 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1 NO fish fry	2 BINGO Rosary for Unborn at Assumption 9:30
3 PADS	4	5 Council Officers Meeting 7:30	6 Casino Night Planning meeting at 6:30 at the hall	7 Bowling	8 Catholic Charities Stuffing party. Call Bill Alexander 527-4720	9 Bingo
10 PADS -Free Family Dinner -Membership Drive -4th Degree Family Mass 9:00 am	11 College football championship at the hall	12 Council Business Meeting 7:30 1st Degree in Moorpark	13 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 2nd Degree in Camarillo	14 Bowling STRL Homeless Dinner	15 K of C Homeless Dinner	16 Bingo
17 PADS	18 K of C Cruise	19 Oblates at kofC Hall K of C Cruise	20 K of C Cruise	21 Bowling K of C Cruise	22 K of C Cruise	23 Bingo - Council 5803 50th Anniversary - One Life LA
24 PADS	25	26	27	28 Bowling	29 4th Degree Knight at the races. Open to <u>ALL</u> Knights	30 Bingo
31 PADS Family Mass Pro Life breakfast 3rd Degree in Oxnard						

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Council Officers Meeting 7:30	3	4 -Bowling	5 Fish Fry 5:00—6:30	6 BINGO Rosary for Unborn at Assumption 9:30 -4th Degree ladies lunch
7 PADS at different location Super bowl Party	8	9 Council Business Meeting 7:30	10 Ash Wednesday	11 - St Rose Homeless dinner --Bowling	12 Lenten Fish Fry	13 Bingo -
14 PADS	15 Council Dues	16 Oblates at kofC Hall -	17 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 PM	18 -Bowling	19 KofC Homeless dinner (diff location)- - Lenten fish Fry	20 Bingo
21 PADS -Free Family Dinner -Partners in Service dinner	22	23	24	25 -Bowling	26 Lenten Fish Fry	27 Bingo
28 PADS	29					

