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** Note**

These Knights are designated as Alternate Delegates, their duty is to fill in for the GK or DGK when they are unable to carry out their duties such as attending meeting.



Sick & Distressed



Please Remember These Brother Knights, Their Ladies, Relatives and Friends in Your Prayers.

R.I.P.

Milton Joseph Cuevas – Irvin Cuevas's Brother
Alma Siloam – Frank Faecke's acquaintance
Jerry McEniry – Mark McEniry (Field Agent) Brother
Hoang Anh Tuàn – Felipe Fernandez's Friend

Special Intentions for Brother Knights

Robert Escobar Jerry Towles (healing) Louie Chavez (grieving loss of wife)
Horace Castro (chemo therapy) George Kubeck Deacon Del
Al Castellano John Oliver Lloyd Duronslet PGK
Louie Chavez George Limar Mario Bica (paralysis) Sam Gloriso (kidney failing)

Special Intentions for Relatives and Friends

Melba Martin (trip to go well) Juana Morales – Carlos Ramirez's Friend
Hendricka Offringa (healing heart) – Felipe Fernandez's Friend
Mary Ann Garcia (cancer treatment) – Dante Garcia's Sister
Mike Kessler (healing of leg injury) – Rick Tkach GK's Friend
Juanita Hughes (broken hip) – Mike Mercer's Friend Toni Cholewinski
Kathy Foltz – Mike Mercer's Sister-in-Law Rose – Carlos Chavez PGK's Wife
Pat Giacomi (hospitalized) – Jeff Giacomi's Father
Juana Morales (for improved health) – Carlos Ramirez's Friend
Jill Duronslet (breast cancer), Byron Hithe, Shryl Pringle, Vernon Woods
Jenny Hayden - Kevin Duronslet (bone cancer), Gary Woods, Patricia Cambell (stroke),
Pat Duronslet - Lloyd Duronslet PGK's Family & Friends
Donna Just, Jim Mangrum, Linda Alder – Family & Friends of John Oliver
Anna & Paul Castenda – Bobby Velasquez PGK's Sister & Brother-in-Law

Reminder – To have anyone placed on this list you can send information to our Grand Knight or directly to our Bulletin Editor.



THE GRAND KNIGHT



"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul" Ps 23:1-2

Brother Knights,

This month of March, we are fully into our Lenten observance, as well as honoring two mighty saints, St Patrick and St Joseph. This is a time of reflection, where we step back from our busy lives and ponder how we can grow in holiness and to rely more on God, like the Good Shepherd, who gives us rest and refreshes our soul. As we strive toward closeness to God, there are many things we can do through the Knights for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. For example, you can join us in prayer with our virtual rosary and divine mercy chaplet on Tuesday night at 7 pm. You can also attend stations of cross every Friday during Lent at 7pm. For fasting, you can help yourself and other parishioners by helping at our Fish Frys on Friday nights. This is a delicious way to avoid meat on Friday nights. Finally, for almsgiving, consider adding to our Ukraine relief donation or consider donating diapers to the Respect Life playpen in church. This is also a great time to learn more about scripture and how the lessons and parables of Jesus can influence us to lead better Christin lives. Going to the parish Mission with Fr. William Goldin on March 14 and 15 should be very enlightening. I'm sure you can also think of many more creative ways to carry out your Lent obligations. Please share your good ideas with the council.

Thank you so much for helping with our February events, including HOPE, our membership drive on February 18 & 19 and with the first Fish Fry on February 24th. We could still use your help for the remaining Fish Frys. Also remember we have an exemplification at our parish on Saturday March 18th after the 5 pm Mass. If you haven't earned your 3rd degree yet, this is a golden opportunity to catch up with the excellent new exemplification. Check this newsletter for more details on upcoming events in March like a Ladies Night, possible Corporate Communion and other events.

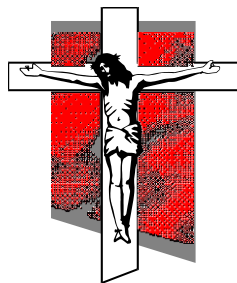
God Bless you and your families during Lent

Rick Tkach

Grand Knight
Council #8599
Vivat Jesus!



COUNCIL CHAPLAIN'S Corner



An Irish Vision

Saint Patrick was not Irish, he was actually born in Britain. But God gave him a vision which kept leading him back to Ireland. He learned to love the Irish people and while he was there converted thousands to Catholicism. He wrote a prayer which they call Saint Patrick's Breastplate. It was written around 433AD, and was recorded early 8th century. It's a beautiful prayer and was later turned into a song entitled "The Deer Cry" that is a story in its self. Saint Patrick was praying for divine protection before going to see the Irish King Leohaire and his subjects to convert them from paganism to Christianity, he was successful in his mission. Look up "Saint Patrick's Breastplate" and "The Deer Cry" "It's a beautiful prayer and a beautiful story. I'll leave you with a couple of Irish Blessings.



As he brought new faith to Ireland
So may he bring to you,
A touch of Irish happiness
In everything you do.
And like the good Saint Patrick
May your home and life be blessed
With all Gods special favors
That make you happiest

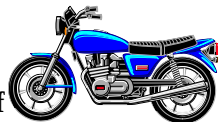
May God
Be close to you each day
To bless you with good fortune
In a very special way.



Donate Your Car

[Truck – Boat – Rv – Trailer – etc.]
To Your Council

We (Your church) get the funds – You get the write off
(714) 768-2757



Deputy Grand Knight & Program Director



Dear Brother Knights,

I hope all of you are doing well. Thanks to all the knights and their families who helped in making the Solidarity walk and Shrove Tuesday (Pancake breakfast) successful. These are the upcoming events:

1. **Friday March 3rd:** H.O.P.E. Food Bagging at 7 am.
2. **Saturday March 4th:** H.O.P.E. Food distribution at 7 am.
3. **Friday March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st:** **Fish Fry.** Set-up starts at 4 pm. Please sign up to help.
4. **Wednesday March 8th:** A lecture on Science (Reason) and Faith by Fr. William Goldin at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.
5. **Saturday March 11th:** Chapter Poker Tournament. Proceeds will go to “Day of Sharing”. Please contact the GK for more information.
6. **Tuesday March 14th and Wednesday March 15th:** Fr. William Goldin will be hosting a Lenten Mission 2023 at 7 pm in the church. In this mission, you will learn about what God has been doing for us from the dawn of creation.
7. **Thursday March 16th:** Planning meeting at 7 pm in classroom 6.
8. **Friday March 17th:** H.O.P.E. Food Bagging at 7 am.
9. **Saturday March 18th:** H.O.P.E. Food distribution at 7 am.
10. **Saturday March 18th:** Exemplification and a reception will take place in the church hall after 5 pm Saturday mass. Knights are encouraged to attend.
11. **Tuesday March 28th:** Member meeting in the Ed Building at 6:30 pm.

Stay safe and remain blessed.

Deputy Grand Knight
Chris Nsor



Ian
Gaston

These are the Seminarians Your Council Supports

Ian Gaston & Cole Buzon

We support them financially as well as in our Prayers



Cole
Buzon

From the Desk of the

FINANCIAL SECRETARY



Dear Brother Knights,

Our first **Lenten Fish Fry** just concluded tonight on February 24th. Dinners this year will include fish & chips, cole slaw, roll, and cookies. I hope to see you all there these next 5 Fridays in March, either working behind the scenes or treating your family and friends to dinner. In addition, we will be having a **Vacation Raffle** for 3 nights at **Marriott's Desert Springs Villas II**, for check-in on Thursday, May 4th, and check-out on Sunday May 7th. Ticket prices are only **\$5 per ticket**, or **5 for \$20**.

Does anybody want a Knight's jacket or shirts? Please check out our Bulletin advertisers on the back cover of our Council Newsletter. **ALBA Professional Embroidery** is the place to get them. Call Luci Alba or drop by her store in Huntington Beach, right off Gothard St & Edinger Ave.

If you haven't met with our Insurance Field Agent, **Mark McEniry**, lately, please give him a call to find out all the benefits you have available through the Knights. He has been a Field Agent with the Knights for the past 13 years. If you have joined our Council within the past couple years, or haven't spoken to Mark recently, you likely have benefits you don't know about. Please give Mark a call at (562) 493-3394. Email: Mark.Mceniry@kofc.org

Please join us at the next Members Meeting on Tuesday March 28th beginning at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall and if interested at 7:00 PM on Thursday March 16th for our planning meeting in classroom 6.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Deacon Del Davis 3/5
Ray Richmond 3/22
Brian Nguyen 3/29

Derek P. Duronslet 3/21
Robert Oftana 3/26

Ken Harper Jr. 3/21
Jesus Manansala 3/28
Dr. Quirino Diacajo 3/30

Vivat Jesus!

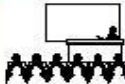
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March 2023

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ROSARY PRAYER FOR LIFE VIGILS

Contact Ray Richmond 714-827-4206



MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

3 rd	H.O.P.E. FOOD BAGGING	7:00 AM
3 rd	FISH FRY	5:00 – 7:00 PM
4 th	H.O.P.E. FOOD DISTRIBUTION	7:00 AM
10 th	FISH FRY	5:00 – 7:00 PM
11 th	3 RD DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION –in Church Hall	after 5:00 PM Mass
12 th	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS	2:00 AM
14 th	4 th DEGREE MEETING	7:30 PM
16 th	PLANNING MEETING	7:00 PM
17 th	“ST. PATRICK’S DAY”	
17 th	H.O.P.E. FOOD BAGGING	7:00 AM
17 th	FISH FRY	5:00 – 7:00 PM
18 th	H.O.P.E. FOOD DISTRIBUTION	7:00 AM
23 rd	CHAPTER MEETING	7:00 PM
24 th	FISH FRY	5:00 PM
25 th	4 th DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION–in RANCHO CUCAOMONGA	
28 th	MEMBERSHIP MEETING	7:00 PM
31 st	FISH FRY	5:00 – 7:00 PM
31 st	H.O.P.E. FOOD BAGGING	7:00 AM



Coming in April

1 st	H.O.P.E. FOOD DISTRIBUTION	7:00 AM
2 nd	“PALM SUNDAY”	
7 th	“GOOD FRIDAY”	
9 th	“EASTER SUNDAY”	
11 th	4 th DEGREE MEETING	7:30 PM
14 th	H.O.P.E. FOOD BAGGING	7:00 AM
15 th	H.O.P.E. FOOD DISTRIBUTION	7:00 AM
15 th	DAY OF SHARING	9:00 – 2:00 PM
20 th	PLANNING MEETING	7:00 PM
25 th	MEMBERSHIP MEETING	7:00 PM
27 th	CHAPTER MEETING	7:00 PM

Message from Your Council.....Recorder



My Brothers,

I worked the early shift on Shrove Tuesday to help serve pancakes and sausage to the students as we head into Lent. The origins of Shrove Tuesday and having Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday are ancient and I love that we as Knights of Columbus carry on this very Catholic tradition.

This year we were blessed with a wonderful amount of help from our brother Knights it made the morning fun and uplifting. The smiles and the joking were evident that we were having a good time because we had enough help and everyone took a station to make the morning a success.

This is what I wanted when I joined and this is what the new members getting ready to join us are looking for as well. Fraternity. As I spoke to men at our Delta Membership drive, I encountered that “inertia” as I call it, that resistance to change, of men closing in and not wanting to take on additional responsibilities. Our lives are so busy, who needs one more thing to do.

But when I spoke to them about Fraternity, the conversation was different. The idea of friendships with other Catholic men, of Catholic Men praying for Catholic men reveals a hunger in most men for something worthwhile which to belong, that is who we are. We are firstly a Fraternity of Catholic men.

And yet the paradigm of our Fraternity is that it is strengthened through the shared experience of service and prayer. Pray for our new members and for the men who have not been able to make a commitment yet that their hearts will be moved.

I pray that your Lenten Journey is off to a good start, that you have been able to find some time to deepen your faith. If life has just been too busy, when you can, take some time to be with our Lord. Even if you are unable to physically sit in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament, you can bring yourself into the presence of Christ.

You can start simply with the Jesus Prayer. “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner!” or in your mind's voice, just tell him all that burdens you and allow Christ to remove or at least share the weight on your shoulders. "Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

Vivat Jesus!

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Dunn'.

David Dunn
Recorder

Brother Knight at Large

& Vehicle Donation Chairman

RETREAT, AN INSIDE SCOOP

By
Frank J. Facke



What is a retreat? The first dictionary definition is “the act of going backward or of withdrawing.” The second is “a quiet, private, or secure place; a refuge.” In a sense both definitions fit the retreat twelve other men and I went on representing St. Ireneaus. Three of those men, however, were Dutch Reformed Christians, namely Bill, his son-in-law and grandson. In the early afternoon of Friday, January 27, 2023, Carlos transported Rick and me an hour’s drive to Mater Dolorosa (Mother of Sorrows) Passionist Retreat Center. As we drove through the iron entrance gate into the eighty acre property in the foothills of Sierra Madre, California, we began to feel at peace. Passionist priests established this refuge 99 years ago. This was my tenth year to come for this weekend retreat.

As we grabbed our bags from Carlos’ small SUV, we spotted two deer on the tree-lined trail just above the parking lot. The relaxed deer have been year around visitors who enjoy chomping tangerines hanging from nearby trees or just grazing on the green grass. Our retreat brochure warned that bears, coyotes, rattlesnakes, bobcats, and mountain lions have been sighted on the property at all hours of the day or night.

Thus our retreat center is a wildlife and human refuge for young and old. Some folks have come here for thirty or forty or fifty years. During the week high schoolers have spent a few days relaxing and reflecting. There have been couples and Spanish-speaking retreats. We all have come to escape the busyness of life to this silent retreat. During meals we have been told to slow down and listen to beautiful spiritual books read to us by a priest or layman who sound like books on tape.

A few of us began by going to confession, while others waited until later. Confessions started at 5 pm in the beautiful wooden panelled chapel. There we knelt or sat before or after the sacrament and beheld the enormous sculpted figure of Jesus looking up from the cross hanging behind the altar. A beautiful round stained glass depiction of Mary dressed in blue looked down at her beloved Son. A sanctuary red light signalled the real presence of Jesus in the tabernacle. An arched clear glass window behind the altar allowed me to gaze down the mountain on the small town of Sierra Madre as points of light popped up in the dusk.

After a tasty supper at 5:45 pm of vegetarian turkey with penne noodles and sauce, stir fry vegetables, large fresh salad with Ranch dressing, strawberry jello and mango jello washed down with purified water, our retreat began in silence. At 7 pm we were welcomed in Possenti Hall by Father Bruno, a Passionist priest from India who’s served for ten years at Mater Dolorosa. He introduced the retreat staff.

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Brother Knight at Large Continued

At 7:45 pm we gathered in the chapel for mass with Father Bruno. He shared the story of downcast disciples walking to Emmaus after Jesus' crucifixion. The risen Christ met them where they were. They regained hope in the breaking of bread and recognized Jesus, who disappeared. The lesson: Jesus can no longer be seen with our bodily eyes. Our new life of faith truly opens our eyes to see Him as He is spiritually

Father Bruno gave us our weekend assignment. Key questions included "Who is Jesus?" and "When did we first meet Jesus?" Lastly, he told us to reflect on "Who is Jesus for us today?" It seemed to be a lifetime reflection packed into a weekend! After preparing for bed in my comfortable room, sleep should have been easy after walking 3,374 steps during a wonderful first day. However, the thin wall didn't quiet the chain saw snoring of my next door neighbor. It took a while to drift off to sleep.

The loud ringing of an old fashioned hand bell by retreatant Bob awakened me for morning prayer in the chapel, which was located across a covered walkway from our two story Spanish style dormitory. After prayer Father Bruno took a group photo in the chapel of our ninety plus group of men from nine parishes. It was the largest number of retreatants since March 2020! Breakfast was delicious. It included scrambled eggs, two two-inch round sausages, a small yogurt cup, warm bagel with cream cheese, instant apple oatmeal with milk, and coffee. We ate silently as Fr. Mike read reflections from Father Ron Rohlheiser's book *The Holy Longing*. The theme was putting "skin" on our prayers for others by our actions.

Our 9:15 am conference in Possetti Hall by Father Febin Barose, another Passionist priest from India, was enlightening. He was ordained only nine years ago. He showed scenes from *The Chosen* series and paused several times for comments. Father Febin hailed from a small fishing village. The film series cuts told the story of Peter and friends and family. After ending an all-night failed attempt to catch fish, Peter and company were repairing their nets. Peter listened to Jesus, a former carpenter, and put his net down a short distance from shore. The catch of 153 fish (shown on screen) was miraculous and almost sank the boat. After taking a risk, an astonished Peter followed Jesus to catch men.

The highlight of our retreat for me was our outdoor following of life size figures of the Stations of the Cross. We began at 11:15 am at a dark bronze sculpture of an agonized Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. His arms were raised to the heavens, and apostles Peter, James, and John were nearby asleep. For 55 minutes we walked from station to station praying and singing. All thirty to forty of us were led by Brother John and almost moved to tears.

Lunch, accompanied by Dr. Dan's reading, really hit the spot. We dined on fresh green salad, a basket of French fries topped off with two pieces of chicken, with root beer and two scoops of vanilla ice cream floating on it. Afterward some said a rosary in the chapel. Dr. Dan Van Dyke gave us the next presentation at 2:30 pm. His year started badly, because as he and two sons moved the belongings of one son to Colorado, Dan's pickup struck a large elk and was totalled. Only the elk was seriously hurt. Dr. Van Dyke learned Greek, Korean, and Vietnamese languages during his long military career.

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Cypress Council 8599

Invites you to
Exemplification of the Degree of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity
On Saturday, March 11, 2023
Following the 5:00 PM Mass at St. Irenaeus Parish Church

St. Irenaeus Parish
Church
5201 Evergreen Ave.
Cypress, CA 90630

Schedule of Events

4:00 PM – Candidate Check In
5:00 PM – Mass
6:00 PM – Candidates Assemble
6:30 PM – Exemplification Begin
7:30 PM - Reception

Attire

Candidates: Jacket, Slacks,
collared shirt and tie.
All others: Normal Sunday Mass
attire.

*Families and friends are
Welcome to attend this
Ceremonial Event!*

Reception to follow at the
Parish Hall, all are welcome.
Please RSVP.

Candidate Registration

- All candidates must register with Council 8599 to complete the Exemplification.
- Candidate from other council must be registered by their Grand Knight or Financial Secretary. We recommend somebody from the council to accompany the candidates and to bring a Membership Kit.
- To register, provide the candidates name, degree status, Council number, and Membership number if available.

Contact:
Rolly Arenz, DD 128
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562-708-0258



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Cypress Council #8599



2023 LENTEN FISH FRY

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

FEBRUARY 24, MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

St. Irenaeus Parish Hall 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

5201 Evergreen Avenue, Cypress, CA

Between Lincoln Ave and Orange on Grindlay



LEAVE THE COOKING AND CLEANING TO THE KNIGHTS!

Purchase meals at the Parish Hall. Credit Cards gladly accepted.

Eat Dinner in the Hall and attend St. Irenaeus Stations of the Cross at 7 PM
or take your meals To Go.

FISH & CHIPS with Cole Slaw, Dinner Roll & Cookies.

Adult portion \$12 - Child (5 to 12 years old) Portion \$9

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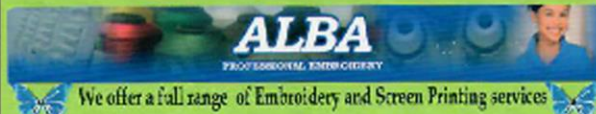
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