



The Knight Lamp

The Pro-Life Council

Fr. Joseph Geary Council

Council #3523

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Last month I was encouraging you to dedicate a reasonable 24 hours a year to help with our multiple projects and activities. This time I would like to comment on recent projects and recognize the people who made them happen.

I would like to start with our sponsorship of a Free Throw contest at St. Justin School. I am proud to report that two students, Julia Lemak, 11, and Zac Viano, 12, won the San Jose regional contest and went on to compete at the State Championship in Fresno. We thank Brothers Matt Noisat and Wayne Cope for their leadership.

We also had a great turnout for our annual Essay Contest with 99 participants from St. Justin and St. Clare schools. The Grand Champion was Katherine O'Donnell, 8th grade, from St. Justin. We thank Br. Claude Remillard for organizing this event and Br. Vince Gonzalez for providing expert judging.

With over 50 people in attendance, our March 27th Social, was a great success. We thank the Carvalho family for providing dinner. Also, Br. Carvalho and family led the effort of cooking breakfast for over 100 people who received the Sacraments Easter Vigil.

Our March recruitment drive, lead by Br. Martin Orlando was also a great success as 8 people joined our Council and 5 of them advanced to their Second Degree by April 11th. We also had our first ever, First Degree ceremony held on April 10th at St. Justin, honoring Br. Davison Vivit, PGK.

Like these, there are many other activities you can participate. For instance, Br. Israel Gonzalez is leading a fundraising effort to grant a \$500 scholarship to a seminarian from this Diocese. He is also coordinating a Hispanic Roundtable at the San Jose Cathedral. Br. Wayne Cope needs help as he is starting up a monthly pancake breakfast to raise funds for the St. Justin Pastor's Assistance Fund – to make resources available for members of the Parish who are in need. On the April 24th Social, Br. Knights prepared a succulent spaghetti dinner under the expert guidance of Br. Israel Gonzalez.

I encourage all of you to find those 24 hours in a year and help, or even better, to lead a project of your liking – the opportunities for service are virtually limitless.

Vivat Jesus!

SK Rafael Betancourt, GK



Pray for the Church and our Pope.

Dates to Remember

Saturday, May 1, 9:00 AM:

Council Business Meeting; Nomination of Officers.

May 13-16:

State Annual Convention, Double Tree Hotel, San Jose. See <http://www.kofcca.org/?t=2010stateconvention>.

May 19th – First Degree:

I (Dave Vincent) will leave St Justin at 5:00 pm and we will arrive at St Francis of Assisi Church at 6:30. Registration starts at 7:00 pm. We could leave earlier if people want to eat before the ceremony. I can hold up to 8 people comfortably, so let's shoot the moon!

Saturday, May 22, 6:00 PM:

Family Social gathering of Knights, friends, and family.

Saturday, June 5, 9:00 AM:

Council Business Meeting; Elections of Officers.

Saturday, June 19, 1:00 PM:

3rd Degree Exemplification. It will be held at St. Lawrence the Martyr Church hall. Candidates need to sign in at 1:00 pm with the Degree at 2:00 pm. There will be a dinner after the Degree and we are planning of having a Ladies Program. Contact Rafael (gk@kofc3523.org) to participate.

Council News

In Search of a New Financial Secretary

Our Worthy Brother Dave Williams has served our council as Financial Secretary for over four years and has done an exemplary job. Now it's time to pass the torch. We are looking for a new Financial Secretary, please contact Rafael at gk@kofc3523.org if you are interested.

A Message from our Former Field Agent

By now, you may be aware that the May issue of Columbia magazine is a historic one. It will be the first issue to focus the majority of its pages solely on the Order's insurance program. While the magazine maintains a number of its regular columns and features, the bulk of the issue talks about our strength and security, the value of our products, the integrity of our agents and the benefits our insurance has brought to members and their families when they needed it most.

With deepest sincerity, I am happy and proud to be part of the finest insurance company in the world. When I read this month's issue and reflected on its articles, it re-affirmed my confidence in what the Order has been doing, and will continue to do, for our members and wives as Father McGivney intended.

Please take time to read this issue, and if you are currently an insurance member, I believe this will boost your confidence in your decision for taking advantage of your fraternal benefits. If you are not an insurance member, I hope that this issue will inspire you to set up a review appointment of your life insurance, retirement or long term care insurance plan. We are here for you, every step of the way.

Bro. Dion Dangzalan F.I.C.

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