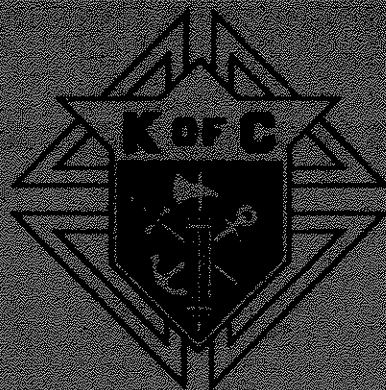


History of Knights of Columbus #3523



1952

April 20. Council #3523 instituted with a major degree under the direction of Dave Supple. District Deputy Frank Chuck organized this council. First Grand Knight Jack Haley. Jack was a promoter, organizer worked with father Maginnis S.J. Went down Franklin Street and got 10 new members. Jack was manager of Sprouze Reitz and was also from West Virginia. 2nd and 3rd degrees were done at SCU. Pat Ryan conducted first meeting because Haley was out of town.

1953

Pat Ryan takes over the gavel as Grand Knight. Pat was a charitable man who did many things with out people knowing it. Great BBQer "if you put all the Chicken he cooked together it would go from here to Paris. Ryan brought in O'Kane, but all the members still liked him. This year's main event was a Max Baer exhibition. Jack McQuade, San Mateo was the District Deputy. Selected the fourth best council in the state. Took top honors in Public Relations. Annual retreat at El Retiro began in May. Fr. Edward Maginnis S.J. Chaplain.

1954

New Grand Knight Charles Bailey. Charlie had new rugs put in. He was also strong in membership. He was the first off of council to be named District Deputy. His wife started the Ladies Auxiliary. This year we got a hall across from St. Claires Church, this is where the school is presently. Membership increased steadily. A balanced program aided in keeping the membership busy. Chaplain Fr. Maginnis S.J. guided the Knights spiritually.

1955

From San Francisco by way of the University of Santa Clara came Joe O'Kane the new Grand Knight. Joe is as Irish and Irish can be, "He says he is also a good Bowler..Mr. Gungho". Great events in 1955 included a Christmas dance at St. Claire Hotel attendance 178, Soamoan fire dance at SC's Hall. Mission Knight, council bulletin makes its appearance. Columbian Squire talk shows up in the minutes, Coach Pete DuFour and Frank Alioto Mgr. Progress in membership noted. Fr. Maginnis S.J. leads the Knights spiritually. First Christmas Tree lot on San Carlos Street. Candi Fernandez's Father loaned \$600 to start.

1956

Columbian Squire Circle instituted on April 16, 1956. Alvin Azevedo at the rostrum as Grand Knight. Al ran a grocery store on Main and El Camino. He did an excellent job and was very concise with money, donated a cash register. We had a Christmas tree lot at Town & Country Village, gave \$600 to Fr. Maginnis. A native of Santa Clara. Fr. Maginnis keeps a steady hand on the spiritual life of the council. Christmas tree lot. Second year State Convention squires held - S.C. University 3 days.

1957

Gino Giampaoli, native of Los Gatos now heads Co. 3523 as Grand Knight. Gino was in construction, he was a classy fellow and A-1 when it came to Bartending. Membership sill climbs. By laws completed and approved by Supreme. Steady growth moves membership count to 180. Poker game tables and new Bar installed.

1958

Another native son, Joe Santana heads the council as Grand Knight. A young Attorney, speedy organizer, with a good background of committee work, he provided strong leadership. "Best Grand Knight ever!" Pulled people together people wanted to work for him & with him. Became District Deputy. Council jumps over the 200 mark in membership. Large group attend retreat at El Retiro. Chaplain Fr. Maginnis loyally keeps us on the straight and narrow.

1959

Youth again at the helm, Charlie Pillers elected Grand Knight. Youngest Grand Knight at the time of 3523. He was very professional. A native of Washington state. Businessman in Santa Clara. First council directory printed. Council wisely keeps Fr. Maginnis SJ as spiritual leader. Membership climbs to 263. Following the same trend another young man takes the lead, Bud Guardino. As Grand Knight he kept Co. 3523 pointed forward and we grew to 278 members. No change in Chaplain, stay with a winner, Fr. Maginnis S.J.

1960

Following the same trend another young man takes the lead, Bud Guardino. Bud attended SCU and graduated in engineering from SJSU he was very active in obtaining new members. Bud was Vice President of western pump & he got many new members from his work. As Grand Knight he kept Co. 3523 pointed forward and we grew to 278 members. No change in Chaplain, stay with a winner, Fr. Maginnis S.J.

1961

Tom Calpin elected Grand Knight. He was the savior of the council! Tom was good at retaining people. Continued retreat movement in 1961. He was a District Deputy during the past two terms, had been a G.K. in 1940 in another council. Santa Clara Golf Association makes an appearance. Joe Santana won many Tournaments - Top Golfer State Tournament, S.J. Country Club. Fr. Maginnis S.J. keeps us current on spiritual affairs. Council breaks the 300 mark in membership.

1962

Joseph Guardino takes over as Leader of 3523. Joseph was President of Western pump. Joe use to take a lot of pictures. Monthly ladies social night added to the agenda, Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. O'Kane were the Leaders. Attempt to change meeting night from Mondays fretted unfavorably. Council attended Fr. Richard Gagliardi, Consolata Society, first Mass at St. Joseph's in San Jose. \$1,400 dollar contribution to Alexian Brothers Hospital, all from voluntary contributions of members. On to Utah goes our faithful chaplain, Fr. Maginnis S.J. Anniversary Dance at Lou's Village. Membership 290.

1963

G.K. Walt Hojda elected. Walt was a pharmacist, a 4th degree and was very active. Walt was a transfer from San Jose #879. Walt owned Palm Drugs. Co. sponsored Broncos football game against Southern Oregon. Reno trip for \$17.00. Building Association searching for property. Lions Club the scene of Anniversary Dance. District Deputy Bud Levenberg. Gyzantie Mass at the Carmelite Monastery. Council sign on El Camino. Survey for membership on key issues. Membership 288.

1964

Dr. Walter Drozdiak takes over helm as G.K. Walt was a Dentist, he formed a Barber Shop Courtet. Enthusiasm was a big thing to Walt. Survey Completed shows 88% in favor of obtaining council home. Fireworks nets \$519.00. Mr. Rod Gorton, PIME missionary seminarian spoke at our meeting. Columbus Day radio broadcast. Rosary of KLOK Host for Chapter Dinner at Lucca's, Judge Joe Kelly was the Speaker. Purchased property at 3504 Monroe St. and moved in. Membership 254.

1965

G.K. elect John Laveroni, John was fun loving. We had first clergy at Archbishop Mitty Bishop Gil Foyle assisted. Attend and main speaker was from St. Anns. Mimeograph machine purchased. Charity Fund disbursements \$4,150. Joined the Keep Christ in Christmas program. Communion breakfast at Bellarmine. Bus trip to South Shore Lake Tahoe. G.K. named Knight of the month, Elks Club, Los Gatos the scene of the Anniversary Dance. District Deputy Chris Zupanovich. Membership 254.

1966

Al Indiveri elected as G.K. \$250 donation to the CCD Program. Al was a good worker very active, Always at Christmas tree lot, He got a lot of young guys in. Fireworks net \$500. Bill Keys the District Deputy. Fr. Alex Pinter our Chaplain. Bus trip to Sparks, \$19.00. Squires active. Won Basketball Championship, Coach DuFour Honored. Membership 244.

1967

Richard Johnson the new G.K. Rich was a good worker, and a good cook. Tom Calpin takes over as Financial Secretary on a temporary basis, ended up being 21 years in that position! Chaplain Fr. Michael Ramondi. Dr. Frank Sanfilippo loaned the council a piano. BBQ shows a profit of \$600, Pat Ryan Chaired. Can food drive to be distributed by the St. Vincent De Paul Society. Donation for public high school boys retreat. Squires active. R.I.P. plaque donated by Brother Bill Kiely. Bowlers win first place in Hayward K of C tournament...Msgr. Scamlos talked on CCD at our council. Donated \$2,220. from the Charity Fund. Anniversary celebrated at Los Gatos Elk's Club. \$50 to the Santa Clara Swim Club. \$200 to CCD. Membership 222.

1968

Second time around for Gino Giampaoli as G.K. of 3523. Fireworks net \$450. Donation for boys retreat at El Retiro. District Deputy Dick Johnson. Donations for needy student at Bellarmine, and \$100 for Susan Bartholemew Fund. Book written by Fr. Bill Armstrong S.J. Seattle U purchased and donated to convalescent homes in our valley. Active in the Masonic Constitution Day. Squires sell light bulbs. The Andy Deschners celebrate 50th wedding anniversary. Membership 222.

1969

Al Berryessa takes the helm as Grand Knight. Al was great, told it like it was. Al said if he died bowling he would die happy. Al died bowling. Al use to help widows. Held BBQ again. Communion at Mission Santa Clara, breakfast at Adobe Lounge on the campus. Catholic Scouting Award Program given a donation. Al Panelli becomes a Father for the first time. Financial aid to a Brother Knight, and a student at Mother Butler High. Bellarmine, Holy Cross, and St. Lawrence High School sent financial donation. Donation of \$75.00 to Masonic Constitutional Day Observance. Christmas Tree Project as usual. Donation to Foundation to Aid Mentally Ill Children. Anniversary Dance at Zorba's. Frs. John and Joseph Geary S.J. become co Chaplains. Council hosts the St. Francis Chapter at Marianni's Membership 221.

1970

A Padre as G.K. Fr. Joseph Geary S.J. takes the gavel as leader for 3523. Fr. Joseph Geary grand knight. (Very faithful & generous). Fireworks project nets \$106. District Installation at Mission Santa Chapel Donation to Constitutional Day Observance. Distributed "Open Letter to Men" a project of Fr. McCaffrey of Maryknoll. District Deputy Irv Pasternak. Visitation to Milpitas council. Donation to CYO Campership Program. Collected blankets for Peruvian earthquake victims. Columbus Day Broadcast on radio. Hawaiian movies shown by Br. Joe Salamida of his recent trip to the islands. \$100 dollar donation to Fr. Umberto Oliveri a missionary in Mexico and a member of Co. 3523. Christmas Tree Project net \$2000. Retirement Home project for State K of C proposed by Jim Maloney at the St. Francis Chapter meeting. Donation to a Brother from Milpitas council who lost his home in a fire. Fr. Devlin SJ talks on Vietnam. Mass and communion at St. Lawrence, brunch follows. State Deputy Frank Driscoll ousted by Supreme. Joyce takes over. Donation to Fr. Ray Devlin SJ who is working in Vietnam as a missionary. Warden Joe Salamida taken by death. Council name placed on a plaque at Childrens Home Society for being a donor. Carmelite Sisters benefit from a voluntary assessment fund. Fireworks stand on El Camino. \$200 to Chapter for the CCD Fund. Our GK is State Squires Chaplin. Membership 208.

1971

Don Learned elected G.K. Don was devoted, told good jokes. Always taxed people around. Would pick up Fr. Geary for meetings. Don & Tom Calpin attend more rosaries than any Grand Knights. Fireworks nets \$130. Supreme Council presents our council with a portrait of Pope Paul VI. Surge Program

makes an appearance. We are the I.R., for a Cub Scout Pack. Bronco Football films. Book covers distributes. Film on 1970 Masters Golf tournament. Pass, Punt and Kick co sponsor with Ford Motors, at Bucher High School. Credit Union expanded to take in the entire Archdiocese of San Francisco. New Year Eve Dance, nets \$622. Visit from Milpitas council,. We aid the Star of the Sea in Milpitas. Operate the fun games. Fr. Geary SJ gives the dedication at the Constitutional Day Observance. Sponsor the West Valley College Symphony on TV at the fiesta at Star of the Sea in Milpitas. DD Al Palmowski. Andy Liowski, 84 years young. Boy Scout Troop 54 given the use of the K.C. building by council, Fr. Babbish SJ talks on Pentecostal Movement. St. Patricks Day dinner. Sportsman night, Aid to Little Leagues. Purchased tires for the station wagon at St. Elizabeths Day Home. Rosary on the radio form Bellarmine. Donated funds to Fr. John Geary SJ for the Juvenile Hall Project. Anniversary Dance at Marianni's. School book covers distributed. Death takes Al Hunsader, State Administrative Secretary while attending State meeting in San Mateo. Membership 207.

1972

The man from Holland, Hendricus "Hank" Dyksma elected GK. If you asked hank for anything he would do it. Hank was a carpenter, worked a lot in the Christmas Tree lot. Purchased Video equipment for the CCD and presented to Fr. Terry Sullivan, PGK Gino Giampaoli died in virginia while visiting his son. Fr. John Geary our Chaplin named pastor at St. Mary's Parish, San Jose. Joe Ginnocarò becomes a Father for the first time. Garage sale nets \$200. Tahoe trip. Fr. Umberto Oliveri dies in Mexico. Don Learned elected Marshall for St. Francis Chapter. Memorial Service at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Membership 207.

1973

Youth takes the control as GK, John Salamida new leader. John has his own screen shop his Dad & brother were also Knights, he was a Journalist. John was big on charity. D.D. Don Learned negotiations opened for sale of property at 3504 Monroe. Installation at Mission Church U of Santa Clara. Picnic at Vasona Park, Los Gatos. Tahoe trip for \$24 each. Aid to Life Committee formed, donated \$300. for this, opened office in Sunnyvale, in same complex as the Abortion Clinic. DD Don Lerner. Communion at St. Mary's. Memorial Mass. Christmas Tree lot moves to Scott in Santa Clara. Participated in Chapter Youth Fund raffle. Donated \$60 for childrens Christmas presents at Day Care Center in Sunnyvale. 7 bus loads from Santa Clara County to San Francisco to participate in the Right to Life demonstration at Federal Building. Social Night at Sweden House, San Jose. Anniversary Dance at Villa Felice, Los Gatos. \$250 donated to St. Elizabeth's Day Home. Sports Night, crab feed a huge success. Joined Century Club at El Retiro Retreat House, donated \$100. Rosary on radio KFAX, sent Msgr, Wagner \$37.50 to pay for time. Memorial Day Mass at Gate of Heaven Cemetery at Los Altos. Membership 186.

1974

Joe Manning elected GK. Joe was very active. He could sell ice to the Eskimos. Joe was also a great musician. Donated \$300 at Aid to Life. Communion at St. Martin's Fr. Prenderville SJ, former Chaplin died as a result of auto accident,

Built Flocking Shed for Christmas Project, Thanks from Carmelite Sisters for donation. Gil Neves receives VIP award. Crew paints St. Mary's Rectory kitchen, donated all materials. Two members accompany John Pinter, Grass Valley Council candidate to Milpitas for his Admission Degree. \$250 for aid to student at Mitty High. Visit made to O'Dowd council. Membership 166.

1975

John Neehna takes the gavel as a new GK. John was a transfer from San Mateo. He was from Ireland. John was good at public relations for members night. Contacted more members than any Knight. D.D. Tom Berdan. Plea for state K of C Retirement Home. PGK John Winding gave talk on membership, he is from Milpitas Council. Bicentennial message from Surge Program Director Don Learned, Bingo meeting with new pastor of St. Clares. Andy Deschner died. Regional Pass Punt and Kick competition for youths from San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz, Monterey and Santa Clara counties run by 323 at the U of Santa Clara Buck Shaw Stadium. Charles Schulter takes over as Insurance Rep in our area. Supreme Council like our idea on Bell Ringer Program, nationally and have it on the drawing board. Andy Libowski died. Memorial Mass at St. Clares. Dxdous from St. Clares old rectory, Nov 24. A tough deal began at 6:30 PM and lasted until 1:30 AM. End of an era that began in 1952. Christmas project a success.

1976

Grand Knight Al Trynadel. Honest polish kid from Detroit. Bi-Centennial Year!

1977

Grand Knight Joe Manning

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Grand Knight Fr. Joseph Geary (Same as 1970)

1979

Grand Knight Dom Cancianillia. Dom worked in sand and gravel. Had one of the biggest collections of Antique model. T-S & Classic car, he also liked to cook. He was a great chef.

1980

Grand Knight Dominick Pizzulli. Dom was very flamboyant.

1981

Grand Knight James Ward. Now Grand Knight of O'Dowd council. James was a very friendly man.

1982

Grand Knight Chester Boduch. Chester was also a polish boy from Detroit he worked well with what he had.

1983

Grand Knight Fr. John Geary. John was a hard worker, solid guy, most generous and very spiritual. Had good messages.

1984

Grand Knight Jack Boyto. Jack put up electric every year for Christmas Tree lot. Year in year out would clear the area for Christmas tree lot.

1985

Grand Knight Richard Cardenas. Richard was a 4th degree member, color guard. Great guy. Transfer from Hayward. He also dressed nice, always attended meetings.

1986

Grand Knight Carl DiCarlo - Moved to Modesto.

1987

Grand Knight William Kiely, Jr. William was a successful City Councilman. He opened his home to many activities. He had great St. Patrick's day parties. Helped cook a lot. Made beautiful memorial plaques.

1988

Grand Knight Leo Stringai. Leo has 11 children. Leo has a great heart. Pushed for shrine at gate of heaven, dedicated, first delegates St. Francis chapter 1956. Mr. Tootsie roll! Basketball state tournament, S.C. University. Best worker from 1954 - 1983 always available

1989,90,91

Grand Knight Richard Bowers. Active in council, deepest respect for Pro-Life.

1992

Grand Knight Claude Remillard. Was awarded Valley of hearts award, worked with mentally retarded. Editor for Knight Line. Started tootsie-roll drive with Bill Kiely. Very dedicated. Should be knight of the year nationally.