



Grand Knight's Report

Reflections on a life well lived,

Knights of Columbus, council 11236. I hope your summer is going well. For this month's column, I thought I would change it up a bit. As many of you know, my father died just a couple of weeks ago. He lived quite a long life (one month shy of 95 years of age). I appreciate all of the prayers and outpouring of support that were offered in these last weeks. As you can imagine and some of you know from personal experience, losing a parent is an occasion that we would much rather be spared of. However, a couple of things have made this journey a bit easier.

My father was blessed with several graces from our Lord. First, he had a long life, filled with love from his wife, his children and grandchildren and great grandchildren. Second, for the vast majority of his life, he was healthy. Third, he had a rich and strong faith-life, he was active in ministry, he practiced his faith, he prayed faithfully and he knew the Lord. Fourth, he had time to prepare. His doctors talked openly with him and he knew his final days were coming. So, he had time to visit with family and loved ones, to share his wisdom with his sons and to receive his sacraments from his priest. When his final moments came, they came peacefully and without pain.





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This caused me to reflect on how much peace it gave his family, knowing that he left this world fully prepared with the full knowledge that where he was going is even more beautiful, happy and filled with love than the world he left behind. He had completed a well-lived life in this world and he was heading to eternal life in paradise. We can all have this assurance if we live our faith life to the fullest. Brothers, my wish for you is that at the end of days, you can look back and say, you have lived your life well and you are ready for an even better eternal life. Stay strong and active in your faith and you will.

God Bless,

SK Carlos Ramos

Grand Knight

Faithful Navigator Report

Worthy Sir Knights,

It is such an honor to be part of this Patriotic organization that not only honors our fallen brothers, our Priests and our Lord and Savior. Most recently our brother Steve Bicker passed and the honor guard did such a good job honoring his life and it meant so much to his family. For those who knew Steve you know he was an exemplary Sir Knight. May he rest in peace.

At our most recent General meeting we hosted our **Worthy District Master, Noel Panlilio and our District Chaplin Father Antony Dazhappily**. The purpose of the visit was to welcome our new officers and tour Good Shepherd in preparation for the upcoming Exemplification in Spring of 2025. Our Worthy Brothers put on a show with **WDM Rich Thompson** smoking tri tip, **SK Lee Schenck** making baked beans, **HGC Jess Velasco** made lumpia and many other brought sides and drinks. It was a banquet fit for a District Master.

I invite all our brother and Sir Knights to come back and join us at our meetings to reinvigorate this Assembly and do the work God has set before us.

Vivat Jesus,

Michael Blakey

Faithful Navigator



Deputy Grand Knight/Senior District Marshal Report

Brother Knights,

We are at the beginning of our 2024-2025 Columbian Year. A phrase from several years ago is still true today. "Leave no Brother Knight behind." What does that mean to you? Should you ask a Brother Knight to our next meeting? Should you call a Brother that you haven't spoken with recently? Yes and YES! Please don't say, I wish I had called sooner.

An equally important topic is getting those 3rd Degree Brother Knights into our 4th Degree and becoming Sir Knights. A Sir Knight, upon their passing is awarded two important things 3rd Degree Brothers are not afforded at their Vigils and Funeral Masses. Those two are (1) **Honor Guard at your Rosary**, Vigil, and Funeral Mass, and (2) a **Chalice with your name & other SK's names engraved on that Chalice** and given to a deserving Priest. Third Degree Brother Knights are not afforded this honor. Please have that conversation with a 3rd Degree Brother Knight on them becoming a 4th Degree Sir Knight.

Last week, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Sacramento, the Honor Guard posted guard for **Father Art Wehr S.J.** who passed on July 4th. At Father Art's Vigil, we had 11 Honor Guard present, but at his Funeral Mass we had an impressive 18 Honor Guard. So many of the Clergy came up and expressed their gratitude and thanks for our showing. And YES, the Honor Guard from St. John Paul II Assembly #3504 was well represented with 5 Honor Guard.

Our **Worthy Grand Knight SK Carlos Ramos** (Laguna Council # 11236) and **Worthy Faithful Navigator SK Mike Blakey** (St. John Paul II Assembly # 3504) deserve our greatest thanks and gratitude for their leadership and dedication to the Knights at Good Shepherd Catholic Church. When they call for help, it's because a Brother Knight or a ministry at GSCC needs us. Please pick up that phone or answer that e-mail and give 'em an hour.

Thank You, God Bless You, and Vivat Jesus,

SK Richard Thompson
Deputy Grand Knight





Rosary Crusade

Knights of Columbus Rosary Crusade chaired by SK Michael Patrick continues to bring the parishioners of Good Shepherd together in prayer. We are into our second year of consistent ongoing **Rosary** prayer nights, held the second **Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Church.**



We greatly appreciate all the Knights and parishioners who make time to come out and unite their hearts and voices together in prayer to our Blessed Mother. **In these times we must hold fast to the Rosary!**

Knight of the Month

This month the Knight of the Month is Brother **Andrew Pasqua**. He is a very dedicated Catholic Gentleman. He works with the youth at Good Shepherd as a co leader. He helped with "Knights Work" doing yard work and other repairs Good Shepherd parishioners and was a big help working the night shift for the Fireworks booth this year. One of our very young Knights leading by example.



Faith in Action



One of the Winning KOC Essay contest Entries

The Kingdom of God at my School

As Jesus said, the Kingdom of God in each of us starts small, like a tiny mustard seed, but it can grow into something big and beautiful. My faith has grown so much since I attended Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School. Four of our main values were faith, family, knowledge, and service.

Faith. Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 to “pray without ceasing.” Constant contact with God has become a habit. Our prayer lives are constantly encouraged, in religion classes, weekly Friday Mass, or simply prayers before recess. School can be busy and chaotic, making it a place where our Christian values are especially critical. Our school prayer encourages me to do my best for the glory of God.

Family. Our seeds of faith need constant attention in order for it to grow. Being surrounded by teachers, classmates, and friends who are also striving to grow closer to God, too, helps me with that. I learned to turn to what Jesus teaches when I face friendship troubles, and I have grown to at least try to respect all I encounter. I have been equipped to bring my faith outside the church into our one world, our one big family.

Knowledge. It’s easier to be eager to attend Mass when I understand what happens in it. It’s easier to love God and want to follow Him when I have the opportunity to discuss the amazing things He does. When our Catholic faith is integrated into the school curriculum, I am encouraged daily to know and love God.

Service. Love of God is greatly shown through a constant spirit of service to others.

Service projects have displayed that helping our communities is something we should never stop or ignore, homework assignment or not. The same thing goes for being charitable and loving to the people I meet every day.

A Catholic education, of course, isn’t absolutely necessary for growing in faith; anyone can with enough devotion to Christ. But my habits at my Catholic school have encouraged me to continue it outside the classroom. My school isn’t perfect, but it has shown me how good the world can be when we carry with us a spirit of love, sincerity, and respect. What I have learned at

SEAS gave me my foundation of bringing those values into a world where they aren’t always considered. I am planning to continue my Catholic education at Christian Brothers High School next school year. My time at SEAS has equipped me with the virtues and spirit of willing faith I will need going forward. Living a Catholic life means integrating what I believe into my every day.

My Catholic education serves as a constant reminder of that. It steadies my road. And for that I am grateful.



Good of the Order

FROM	WHO	PRAYER INTENTIONS
Richard Thompson	Terry Rees	Health
Richard Thompson	Chris Rees	Health
Richard Thompson	Margaret Rees	Health
Roy Tufts	Rollie Swingle	Health
Roy Tufts	Coleman Stevens	Repose of Soul
Ed Serafica	Steve Bicker	Repose of Soul
Michael Blakey	Roy Tufts	Health
Michael Blakey	Slate of new Officers	Strength and Wisdom
Michael Blakey	Steve Hemenez	Health
Michael Blakey	The Holy Land	Strength and Gods Intercession
Michael Blakey	Steve Ramirez	Health
Carlos Ramos	Father	Repose of Soul
Roy Tufts	Carolyn Day	Health
Michael Blakey	Anthony Archie's Family	Health
Michael Barnea	Julie Barnea - Wife	Health
Juan Rios	Wife Alex	Health
Juan Rios	His son Angel	Guidance
Juan Rios	Mother	Health
Michael Barnea	Michael's Nephew Joey	Health
Clovis Karam	Liz Karam	Health
Michael Patrick	Cousin's Daughter	Health
Michael Patrick	Mother	Health
Michael Blakey	The Pope	Health of the Church
Michael Blakey	Bishop Soto	Health of the Church

PRAYER

Requests



Calendar

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

AUG

2	Boys Vocation Retreat	Trinity Pines	8/2-4/24
7	Assembly/Council Officers Meeting	Home of SK Roy Tufts	7:00pm
13	Rosary Crusade	GS, Church Sanctuary	7:00pm
21	Assembly/Council General Meeting	St. John Paul II Room	6:00/7:00pm
24	Father Michael National Guard Chaplin Installation	Good Shepherd Church	5:00pm

SEP

4	Assembly and Council Officers mtg	Home of SK Roy Tufts	7:00pm
10	Rosary Crusade	GS, Church Sanctuary	7:00pm
18	Assembly/Council General Meeting	St. John Paul II Room	6:00/7:00pm
21	Assembly Officer Installation	St. Mels, 4745 Penn Ave Fair Oaks CA 95628	2:30pm



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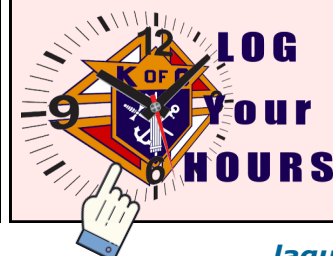
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