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Knightly News



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Congratulate...

Special points of interest:

- * New Members
- * Upcoming Officers Election
- * Honoring Veterans
- * Scouting Message
- * Upcoming Picnic
- * Awards

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Congratulations are in order for the newest Knights of our Council: Brothers **Nicholas Evans**, **Scott Hutton**, **Alan Rodrigues**, and **Steven Silverman**. All four went through the Admissions Degree on May 30 in the Knight's Room. It was also GREAT to see Knights who came out to support these new men in their entry into our Order.



Newest Brother Knights (from left to right): Scott Hutton, Nicolas Evans, Steven Silverman, and Alan Rodrigues.

Also congratulate our two newest Second Degree Knights, Brothers **Chris Garoutte** and **Mike McWilliams**; and Third Degree Knights: **John Beauharnois** and **Greg Lopez**. These men completed their respective **Formation** and **Knighthood Degrees** on May 6th in the Knight's Room and on May 5th at the Regina Coeli Council Chambers in Escondido.

I encourage all men of the Council to continue to pray on advancing through the Degrees to attain the title of Sir Knight.



Grand Knight's Message: Our Knights as Everyday Heroes

I had the honor and privilege of representing our Council as a (voting) Delegate at the State Convention in Sacramento on May 18 & 19. This was a GREAT experience and I **highly recommend** you take the opportunity to attend next May when the convention will be in San Diego for the last time. Only delegates will be able to vote but the business meeting is an eye opener with regard to how the Order conducts business to include the adoption of new resolutions which can impact not only the State but also make recommendations to Supreme.

As suggested above, I learned a lot and could not even begin to recount the nearly seven-hour long business meeting – Third Degree Knights only – that spanned two days and another seven hours (plus dinner) which was open to all which covered many “Good of the Order” and award presentations.

Again, I couldn't, nor would I want to, try and recount all that was discussed but there were really two items which I wanted to share with you. First is the importance of the family. The other was the impact Knights have on the world. As you have read in previous newsletters, these go hand-in-hand with the Order's Principles of **Charity, Unity, and Fraternity**, but each has a unique dynamic that we as Knights need to consider.

As most of you know, the jewel for the Grand Knight is the anchor. The Order, in the Responsibilities and Duties of Council Officers and Directors booklet, states:

The anchor is symbolic of Christopher Columbus, the mariner, who is the patron of our Order. The anchor, for centuries, was also a variant form of the Cross and symbolizes Christian hope.

While I may be the Grand Knight of this Council for the last 11 months, I'd like to think that as a Catholic Man, I have been a “mariner” who has established a course based on the Truth of the Cross and a beacon of “Christian hope” to those around me, particularly, my family. As Knights, we have the responsibility and duty to live the heavenly graces of faith, hope, and charity. It is these ideals that set us apart and allow us to live the cardinal virtues of prudence, temperance, fortitude, and justice.

As Knights of Columbus, but more importantly, as Catholic Men, we are expected impact our environments as everyday heroes to those with whom we come in contact. There is a movement in the world that favors utilitarian ideals which says individuals are less important than collective good. A movement that has lost the importance of the dignity and respect of ALL human beings in favor of vocal minorities that place individual happiness ahead of loving sacrifice and a common good. To quote a recent superhero movie, “We don't trade lives.” I would add, everyday heroes also don't trade Truth, grace, or virtues.

The Knights of the St. Michael's Council continue to impact our environments through the programs we carry out. But the Council is only as strong as its membership. Please prayerfully consider how you are supporting our Order and its Catholic mission. You have taken the first step by becoming a Knight. Now it is time to take action.

**Vivat Jesus,
Mike Ercolano
Grand Knight**



Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director's Message

My fellow Knights:

Looking ahead to July at the start of our new Columbian year there are four focus areas:

1. Faith Formation - A combination of Church, Vocations, and Council
2. Family Life - A Combination of Family Youth and Young Adult
3. Community Outreach
4. Culture of Life

We are still requesting volunteers to be Directors of these focus areas of service for the next 12 months beginning 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019.

I ask you to consider the same questions I asked last month.

Please ask yourself yes or no questions to the following:

1. Are you the Knight/RCIA new council member that could benefit from leading Faith Formation?
2. Are you the Knight/active Dad who wants to bring his kids into a Catholic based set of activities?
3. Are you the Knight amongst us that has a call to make Poway/Rancho Bernardo better?
4. Are you the Knight who has a passion for safeguarding and preserving the dignity of life?

I know time is precious. I also know that it is invested and it can never be repaid once expended.

We each must decide if we have an hour or two a month is to focus on faith formation, our family life, community outreach, and our culture of life.

My goal this last Columbian year was to serve and to enthuse a new enthusiasm to our council. I leave my position as DGK with the hope other Knights (the silent majority) will step forward.

Shaugh Reynolds

Deputy Grand Knight and Programs Director

A Minute With the Membership Chairman

We had a successful Admission Degree on Wednesday May 30. We brought in 4 members into the order for our council. Our new members are Nick Evans, Scott Hutton, Alan Rodrigues, and Steven Silverman. Be sure to welcome them to the council when you see them. Hopefully, they and their families will be at our council picnic coordinated by Brother Bryan Dolejs and me.

We have six potential candidates for joining the council. Our Formation Degree Team Captain, Bill Uberti, will schedule degrees as necessary in June or July to accommodate the candidates' schedule. When the dates are published, please plan on attending.

They are moving on up, Cristopher Garoutte and Michael McWilliams took their Formation Degree on May 6. Also, John Beauharnois and Greg Lopez attended the Knighthood Degree on May 5. Please congratulate them when you see them.

John Giltner FDD, PGK, PCP

Membership Chairman



Nomination of New Council Officers

At the next General Meeting, on June 6th, we will elect our new Council Officers for Columbian Year 2018-2019. At the last General Meeting, the Board of Trustees put forth their recommended slate. But it is still not too late to be nominated for one of the below positions. The responsibilities are outlined below. If you feel up to the challenge to fill one of these roles, please let Brother Bill Uberti know. He can be reached at cdrbilluscg@earthlink.net.

Grand Knight

- Presides over all meetings
- Appoints program and membership directors
- Appoints committees as needed
- Countersigns checks and orders for payment
- Responsible for the council's Admissions Degree Team

Chancellor

- Has the duty of strengthening the members' interest in Council activities
- Assists the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight with their duties, as assigned
- Recommended to serve on the Council's Admission Committee

Recorder

- Responsible for keeping and maintaining a true and permanent record of all actions of the council and maintains all correspondence of the Council

Warden

- Responsible for supervising and maintaining all council property
- Sets up Council Chambers for meetings and degree exemplifications
- Oversees inside and outside guards

Deputy Grand Knight

- Assists the Grand Knight with the operation of the Council and any other duties assigned to him by the grand knight
- In the absence of the Grand Knight, presides at council meetings
- Recommended to serve on the council's Retention Committee

Advocate

- Acts as parliamentarian for the council
- Should have a working knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order and Methods of Conducting a Meeting
- When needed, will seek legal assistance from the state advocate

Treasurer

- Charged with handling Council funds
- Receives money from financial secretary and deposits it in the proper council accounts
- Responsible for paying all Council expenses, including assessments from the Supreme Council

Inside & Outside Guards

- Attend the doors of the Council Chamber, checking for current membership cards and allowing entrance

Advancing through the Degrees

The following is a list of upcoming degrees for advancement in the Knights of Columbus. Remember, the goal is to achieve the rank of Third Degree and become a full Knight of the Order. For those of you who are looking to advance to that distinction, please consider attending a Formation (2nd) Degree and/or Knighthood (3rd) Degree on the following dates and locations. If interested in attending, please contact the Worthy Grand Knight at wgk.stmikes@gmail.com or Brother John Giltner at johngiltner@att.net.

Formation (2nd) Degree

Wednesday, Jun 20 – Good Shepherd, Mira Mesa (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)

Thursday, June 21 – St. Mark's, San Marcos (7:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

Wednesday, July 5 – St. Pius X, Chula Vista (6:30 pm – 9:00 pm)

Wednesday, August 15 – Good Shepherd, Mira Mesa (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)

Thursday, August 16 – St. Mark's, San Marcos (7:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

Knighthood (3rd) Degree – TBD



Volunteer Spirit

Trevor and Lauren Wahl and Allan Ligi were recognized at the May meeting for their outstanding support of the Council's Lenten Fish Bakes.

Each showed exemplary dedication to serving our Council and the community at large by assisting in carrying out each of the six Fish Bake dinners. Especially noteworthy was their desire to do this not for school or volunteer credit but just because they saw a need and stepped up to help. We can all learn from this example. They committed to service and were our most reliable workers and could be counted upon to show up each week.



Pictured left to right: Allan Ligi, Trevor Wahl, Lauren Wahl, and Grand Knight Mike Ercolano.

Copies of their awards were forwarded to their high school for public recognition in front of their peers and school faculty.

Honoring Our Veterans

The Knights of Columbus participated in the celebration of the arrival of Honor Flight San Diego on Sunday, May 6th. This returning "Tour of Honor" hosted 65 WWII veterans and 15 Korean era veterans. Men and women from every branch of service, bronze star recipients, men who served behind enemy lines, former POW's and four Marines who survived the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir were in attendance.

This "Tour of Honor" was even more special because Brother Knights, SK Marshall Varano, from KofC Council 9776 and Bishop Buddy Assembly (Former Marine and WWII Veteran) arrived home on the Honor Flight San Diego.





SCOUTING AT ST. MICHAEL'S UPDATE

Boy Scout Troop 654 is alive, well and GROWING. We just inducted our 20th active Scout into our troop, Joseph Jaregui and his dad, Eli Jaregui, who will be one of our Assistant Scoutmaster. Joseph comes from Pack 624 at Painted Rock Elementary School in Poway and we're excited to have him.

Our Troop recently participated in the Rancho Mesa District "Treasure Hunt" Camporee at Camp Fiesta Island where our own Tenderfoot Scout, Jack Blaylock, won the Scout Spirit Award out of the entire camp of over 250 Scouts. Jack was exemplary helping another Troop Patrol during the Camporee and the Event Staff took notice! A Scout is Helpful!

Our Troop will be going to Summer Camp this year at Circle X Ranch at Big Horn near Lake Arrowhead the week of June 24-30 and we have other activities planned for the rest of the year. For Summer Camp next year, we've initially planned to go to Lost Valley Scout Reservation (near Warner Springs), and we're seriously considering going instead to Camp Pupukea on the island of Oahu in Hawaii! If your sons are close to age 11 or older, be sure to get them signed up for Scouts now so they can be part of this great adventure!

One topic that has come up during May is the Boy Scouts of America's decision to admit girls into the Cub Scout program and into the new Scouts BSA program. Upon consultation with Father Mel, we are going to allow girls into Cub Scout Pack 654 starting June 1, 2018 but the kids will not be in co-ed dens - they will be either all-boy or all-girl dens. For kids age 11-17, there will be an all-boy Troop 654, and if girls want to join, they will form a new all-girl Troop that will also be sponsored by St. Michael's - no co-ed Troops. Once youth are at least 14 years old, they can join a Venture Crew or Explorer Post which can be single-sex or coed (and most are coed). We are taking things slowly and one step at a time so that we get it right the first time.

Any questions on our Scouting programs, contact SK Chris Vaughan at (858) 382-6030 or thevonz@sbcglobal.net.

KNIGHTS SERVING GOURMET DINNER FOR 12

As part of our Grand Prize at our Crab Fest Raffle, the winner is receiving a gourmet dinner for 12 with Father Mel and invited Priests on Thursday evening, July 14th at 6PM in the St. Michael's Rectory. Our Executive Chef for the evening will be Brother Michel Malecot, owner of the French Gourmet Restaurant in Pacific Beach, assisted by yours truly, SK Chris Vaughan. Serving that evening in tuxedos will be Brothers SK John Giltner and SK Mark Wreschinsky. If any other 4th degree Knights (or Knights that have tuxedos) would like to assist, please contact Chris Vaughan at (858) 382-6030 or thevonz@sbcglobal.net.

A POTENTIAL FAREWELL

As many of you may know, I have been a member of this council since 2004 and a member of the Knights of Columbus since 2001, and in that time, I have served as Financial Secretary and Treasurer, as well as Golf Tournament Chair for 3 years and Crab Fest Chair for 5 years. Given my current employment situation and the fact that I am the sole breadwinner in a house with 3 women (my lovely wife Maureen who is disabled but serves as my mother's caregiver), my daughter Melissa (who is currently working through college) and my 87-year old mother (who has dementia), it has become a hard reality that the cost of living in San Diego, as much as I love it here, has taken its toll and I have made the decision to seriously consider relocation to Las Vegas, Nevada by the end of 2018 for its much lower cost of living and it will make my business operations much easier to manage.

All that said, I may not be able to be the Chair of the Crab Fest in February 2019. So, I'm looking for a fellow Knight that I can train and mentor into that role and would likely work closely with Brother Ron Goins who is our "Front of House" Manager for that event. This event was started primarily to financially support our youth ministries here at St. Michael's as well as providing another fundraising event for the Knights (and, it's much easier to plan and manage than a 144-person golf tournament!!). It has become a very popular event and this year we served 285 guests. I would fully expect we could serve over 300 guests next year and Brother Chef Michael Malecot already had it on his schedule to assist us with that event. It's not a lot of time and effort to plan and mostly it's 2 days of concentrated effort right before the Super Bowl. If you're looking to make a difference and support the youth of this parish, please contact me at (858) 382-6030 or thevonz@sbcglobal.net.

Thanks, SK Chris Vaughan



Annual Council Picnic

The council will hold its annual summer picnic on Sunday, June 24, 2018 from 1:00-4:00pm on the South end of the parish property (the athletic field). THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT. Picnic tables, some shade and bathrooms are available. The council will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, buns, condiments, soda, water, chips and plates, napkins and utensils. If you wish to have Adult beverages, please bring your own. Attendees are asked to bring something to share with at least 5 people. If your last name begins with A-G, please bring a dessert, H-N, vegetables, dip or fruit salad, O-Z, pasta or potato salad. We hope to have some entertainment and games available for youth and adults. Please respond by June 15th how many members, family and friends will be attending, so we can order the correct amount of food and beverages. Remember, everyone is welcome! This is a great chance to recruit new members! Please mark your dishes and utensils if you want to take them home. If attending, please contact John Giltner at johngiltner@att.net or 858-774-7210. We look forward to seeing and your family.

Fraternally,
Bryan Dolejs and John Giltner
Council Picnic Co-Chairmen

What you Missed...

While there is no requirement to attend monthly meetings (first and third Wednesdays of the month), and this newsletter does a great job of keeping you informed, there are items of interest and images that may not get relayed. Three such images follow. Please congratulate **Brothers Chris Garoutte, Mike McWilliams, and Chuck Visk** for their respective accomplishments.



Bro Mike McWilliams receives is Admissions Degree Certificate from WGK Mike Ercolano.



Bro Chris Garoutte receives is Admissions Degree Certificate from WGK Mike Ercolano.



Worthy Recorder Brother Chuck Visk receives Family of the Month recognition from WGK Mike Ercolano.