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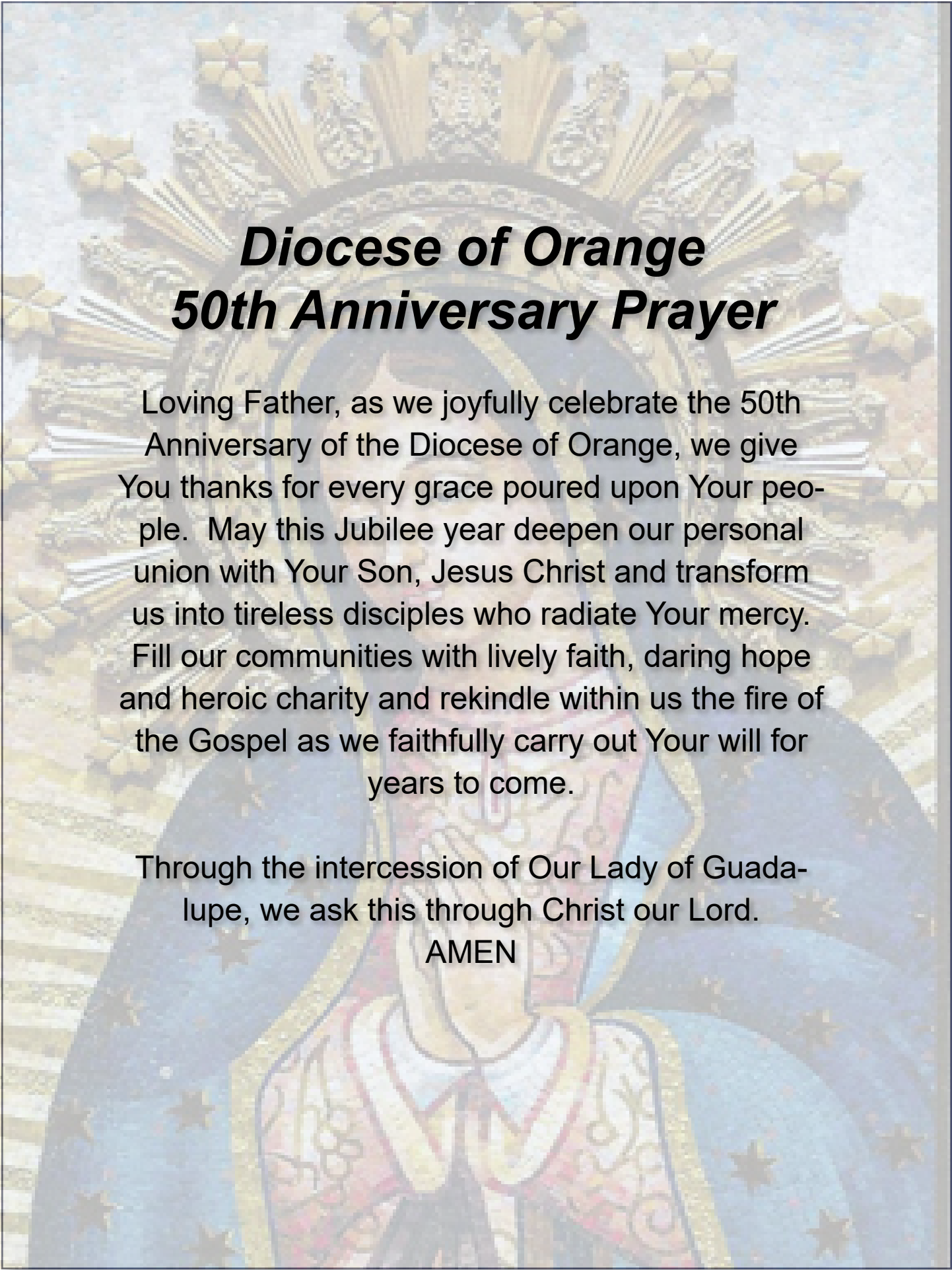
Bishop William R. Johnson Council
#9487

Santiago de Compostela Catholic Church
Lake Forest CA 92630



*Assumption of
the Blessed
Virgin Mary*

**NEWSLETTER
AUGUST 2026**



Diocese of Orange 50th Anniversary Prayer

Loving Father, as we joyfully celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Diocese of Orange, we give You thanks for every grace poured upon Your people. May this Jubilee year deepen our personal union with Your Son, Jesus Christ and transform us into tireless disciples who radiate Your mercy. Fill our communities with lively faith, daring hope and heroic charity and rekindle within us the fire of the Gospel as we faithfully carry out Your will for years to come.

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

Grand Knight's Report



Mark Angel

James 2: 24 & 26

Paraphrased : Not by faith alone but with works

Brothers,

First off, I would like to thank all who have offered me their support in my role as Grand Knight. I sincerely appreciate your kindness and I am grateful to be the recipient of so much brotherly love. Next, this month's newsletter contains articles by several brothers, more than our usual amount of contributors, and that is the kind of participation I am looking for from you brothers. Thank you so much to all who wrote pieces for this newsletter. It also pleases me to announce that our council has awarded the highest dollar amount in academic scholarships as well as the greatest amount per scholarship in recent history. The annual tuition for a Catholic school is averaging \$20,000.00 and for a Catholic University \$45,000.00 on up so it was a goal of mine to up the amount per scholarship that we award, and our council's officers were very supportive of this. It will be one of my greatest honors to distribute these scholarship awards later this month.

Speaking of August activities, it is a fairly busy month for us. On Aug 4th we will have an Exemplification and welcome our new brothers. If you have not been to an Exemplification since 2020 it would be worth your time to witness the current ceremony. It is a very moving experience that reflects on the purpose and meaning of our fraternal organization. All brothers and families are welcome to attend. The 5th is our business meeting which will contain 2 important voting items, the 6th is the scholarship presentation, the 7th is First Friday Adoration, August 9th donut sales, the 11th is a blood drive, August 15th car wash, the 16th is the Past Grand Knight's dinner, the 19th is the Officers, and Planning meeting, and the 30th is Corporate Communion. Once again I encourage all brothers to PARTICIPATE in our council activities.

I personally get much spiritual direction from Matthew Kelly's writings. One of the topics he often writes about is Holy Moments. A Holy Moment is when we act in a way that is pleasing to God, when we do something that is what God intended for us to do. Or as St. Therese the little flower said, to do little things with great love. Let us each find a way to have a Holy Moment each day, it can be as simple as smiling at a stranger we encounter, telling our spouse we appreciate all that they do for our family... I am sure you do not need me to tell you what to do for a Holy Moment. I am just pointing out that you do not have to move a mountain for it to be a Holy Moment.

So, Brothers, may the rest of your summer be blessed, please wear your green shirts and/or your badge to Sunday Mass, say a daily rosary, and be kind to others.

Vivat Jesu!!!

AUG 2026



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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH - RICHARD FARINA

by: Mark Angel GK

It is with great pleasure that I present council 9487's August 2026 Knight of the Month award to our Brother Rich Farina. Since beginning my term as Grand Knight my philosophy for nominating a Knight of the Month candidate is I look for a brother who actively participates in our council activities but who also went above and beyond duty in some way during the previous month.



Mark Angel

Brother Rich is an active member who wears his green Knight's shirt to Sunday 8:30 Mass, regularly attends both the monthly business meeting and the monthly planning meeting, participates in our council's events and his July outstanding activity was the coordinating of our council's participation in the Lake Forest 4th of July parade.

For over 3 months Brother Rich attended parade committee city meetings helping in organizing the parade structure and events. He also communicated with our council's officers as to what we needed to do to participate in the parade. He kept us informed on parade policies, regulations and logistic information. Finally Brother Rich was also able to get an exception for our council as each parade participant that was not a car club was only allowed 1 motor vehicle in the parade. Our council had 2 motor vehicles in our parade spot. Our council had a very good participation in the parade and many brothers feel it was our best showing in any of the 4th of July parades that we have been part of throughout the years. Brother Rich's guidance is a key reason for this.

By participating in the Knights of Columbus Brother Rich feels that he has strengthened his relationship with Our Lord and with the Church. He has much respect for his fellow brothers as he sees them work together in doing acts of charity. Our Brother Rich stated that he is proud to be part of such a great organization with like-minded Catholic men.

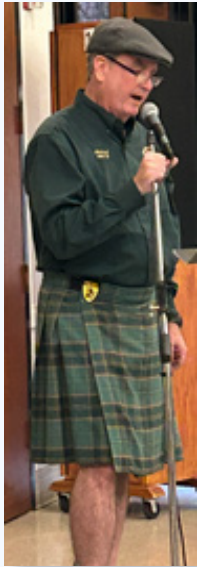
Congratulations to our August 2026 Knight of the Month Rich Farina



Patti & Richard Farina

PAST GRAND KNIGHT APPRECIATION DINNER

by: Nick Thomo - DGK



**PGK
Mike Byrne**

Please join us on Sunday, August 16, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at Tutto Fresco Kitchen & Bar, located at 22332 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688, as we celebrate and honor our most recent Past Grand Knight, Mike Byrne.

During his year as Grand Knight, Mike led our council with exceptional leadership, dedication, organization, and unwavering Catholic values. His commitment and service have made a lasting impact on our council, and we invite you to join us in recognizing his many contributions.

Dinner will include your choice of entrée, dessert, and non-alcoholic beverages.

Cost is \$40 per person.

We hope you and your spouse can join us for an evening of fellowship, gratitude, and celebration as we honor PGK Mike for his outstanding service to our council.

Please RSVP asap to Brother Nick Thomo @ 978 870 5134



Nick Thomo



Past Grand Knight

Dinner

**August 16, 2026 at
5 p.m.**

entrees

BOLOGNESE

meat sauce, aged parmigiano-reggiano,
spaghetti

ALFREDO

alfredo, aged parmigiano-reggiano,
fettuccine

SPINACH RAVIOLI

cheese filled spinach ravioli, sun-dried
tomatoes, artichoke hearts, lemon pepper
cream sauce

dessert

MINI CAKE BITES

beverages

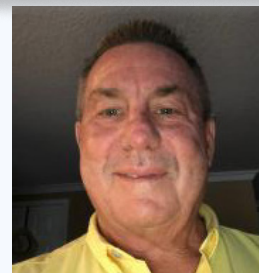
SOFT DRINKS, ICED TEA, PINK LEMONADE

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA' S ADORATION CHAPEL

by: John Teeter - PGK

Father Thomas needs your help!!!

One of the assignments Father Thomas has given the members of Council 9487 is the scheduling of the 24 hours of adoration of the exposed Eucharist in the Adoration Chapel. The need is to provide somebody to constantly be with the "Exposed" Jesus as well as provide a service to the elderly members and women of the parish so they know that we are keeping an "eye on things".



John Teeter

The Adoration Chapel, located on the right side of the Church as you face the altar is open and also accessible the main Church entry. Many knights have been helping in this assignment for years. Conversely many Knights know nothing about our parishes 24 Hour Adoration. Below is a bit of the history, the practice and the how to ideas how to spend your 1 hour shift when you choose to volunteer.

The Core of the Practice

Catholic theology teaches that through transubstantiation, the bread and wine consecrated during Mass become the actual Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Because of this, Eucharistic Adoration is an act of solemn worship, reverence, and gratitude.

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Eucharistic Adoration is when you spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

To start Eucharistic Adoration, the priest will place a consecrated host in a monstrance and pray the Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist. You'll then have time with Jesus! During this time, you can pray in whatever way you want, bringing Jesus your needs, desires, fears, regrets, and more. Exposed Adoration officially ends with Benediction. The priest approaches the altar, genuflects and kneels, then incenses the Monstrance from the kneeling position. He stands and faces the Eucharist while praying the closing prayer. Then wearing the humeral veil, a scarf-like garment that covers his hands, the priest steps up and genuflects. He blesses the people using the monstrance or ciborium. The priest will then return the Eucharist to the Tabernacle, ending the time of Adoration.

How to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration

There is no wrong way to pray during adoration! You can talk to God about your personal intentions, seek spiritual guidance, or simply offer thanksgiving and adoration to God. It's a great time to practice Lectio Divina, prepare for the upcoming Sunday by reading the Gospel ahead of time, or Rosary. Even just sitting in silence and allowing for God's presence to wash over you is an appropriate way to spend time in adoration!

How to Sign Up for a Eucharistic Adoration Shift

To sign up for a shift, please contact Brother Rene Esparza, he can be reached at (949) 616-8380 or emailed at MR.RENE.ESPARZA@GMAIL.COM. One thought you may want to consider is partnering up with another brother, so that if either of you is unable for a shift, you provide backup. One Hour shifts run from 9:00 AM Friday mornings, thru 8:00 AM the following Saturday morning. You can also sign up at the regular business meetings held the first Wednesday of each month.

ADORATION CHAPEL (Continued)

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What to Do During Adoration

There are no strict rules for how to spend your time. You can:

- Pray silently, speak to God, or rest quietly in His presence.
- Read Sacred Scripture, particularly the Gospels.
- Pray the Rosary or other devotional prayers.
- Keep an eye on things

Key Thoughts and Issues

When you're in the presence of the Eucharist, you are really in the presence of Jesus. We can spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass, but there are also special opportunities during Eucharistic Adoration – and these opportunities will deepen your faith and change your life!

4th DEGREE CHALICE FOR STEWART IMAGAWA

by: John Ojeda - PGK

The Chalice used for Stewart Imagawa's final services has found a home. That home is Santiago de Compostela. The Chalice had been chosen by Brother Stewart and presented to the Family by the Color Corps Commander Ed Fabela.

Fr. Thomas asked if it was possible to keep the Chalice and have it as the Primary Chalice to be used by visiting priests at Santiago. I verified with France and she is thrilled Stewart is Home.

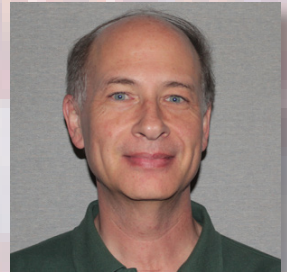
Bro. JOHN



OUR JULY 4TH PARADE

by: Ken Breneman - PGK

I've always loved Independence Day. I'm incurably patriotic. My wife and I lived in Lake Forest a few years before discovering the city's Fourth of July parade. Once discovered, though, we've returned every year possible. The parade is a delightful mix of marching bands and civic groups, horses, boy scouts, churches and little league teams, classic cars and local politicians, plus a dash of quirky miscellany. It's as wholesome a celebration of small-town America as you will find anywhere.



Ken Breneman

One of those civic groups, of course, is the Knights of Columbus. Our participation this year was chaired by Bro. Rich Farina, who excelled once again with his characteristic thoroughness. Our entry was led by two flag bearers. Immediate PGK Mike Byrne carried old glory, while Bro. James Gilbert carried the KofC flag.

The celebrities of the show, though, as always, were the Fourth-Degree Color Corps members with their regalia and ceremonial swords. I loved watching people approach them asking to take photographs. The Sir Knights are always happy to do it.

Next was a larger group of us green-shirted "regulars" – shouting, waving and spreading patriotic cheer. PGK John Teeter brought 48 lbs. of candy, a whole wagon full, and enlisted his grandkids and DGK Nick Thomo's three sons, to individually pass out the candy to children along the route.

Something new this year was a pair of automobiles. WGK Mark Angel drove his shiny red 2002 Chevy Corvette, with PGK John Ojeda riding in the passenger seat, while PGK, FDD Mike Sofka drove his white 1973 Porsche 911 Targa, with PGK Roger Sonnenfeld, our July Knight of the Month, riding as passenger.

Walking the parade is different than watching it. A multitude of faces smiled at me from all sides. People cheering and waving and clapping. Dogs barking. Wide-eyed children. Here and there I'd recognize someone I know. A friend. A neighbor. They call out my name.

On the signing of the Declaration of Independence, John Adams wrote in a letter to his wife Abigail that the day "ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."¹

What would Adams have thought of us here in Lake Forest? We are 250 years in his future, on the other side of a vast continent, and yet we are Americans – still living free, governing ourselves, and celebrating Independence Day, just as he had hoped. I think he'd be pleased to know it.

Happy Birthday, America. Long may freedom ring!

¹ *The American Revolution: Writings from the War of Independence 1775 – 1783*. New York: Library of America, 2001. Page 127.

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO - SPAIN

by: Tom Sixsmith - PGK

My wife and I recently completed a Camino in Portugal from Lisbon to SDC in Spain. This was our second Euro Camino. The first was in northern Spain and was about 250 miles. We absolutely loved the experience, the country, the opportunity to see a country that can only be experienced by walking through villages, towns, hamlets, and back yards. The food, the scenery, the locals, but most importantly the people you meet along the Way. Each has a story and it's not too hard to elicit their experiences and quickly become "friends" although you may never meet them again.

I really wanted to do a FULL Camino which is why we did the Lisbon to SDC route. It was over 400 miles and we did it in about 32 days. Unlike the first Camino, I arranged a few days in major cities with an extra day to visit sites, explore the culture and gain a little more about the area before we moved on. It was very challenging at times and walking over 20 miles a day in 95 F with no shade was a test of our physical abilities. Once we entered northern Portugal and into Spain it became much more crowded with pilgrims and opportunities to engage with locals. There is a merchandising aspect of this experience that needs to be put into perspective. Yes, we are pilgrims on a journey to a Holy Place, but you are constantly bombarded with opportunities to purchase trinkets, souvenirs, etc. I guess that is all part of the package, and I understand and supported it on occasion.

Thankfully, we had no major issues, some shin splints and blisters, but we made it through - praise the Lord!

Lastly, as a participant in our #10 renewal, I was asked to write a poem about the Camino and I have included it here:

***We pilgrims on this journey
From starts across the land
Seeking a single destination
With passports in our hand***

***A million steps were taken
Meeting people lightens the load
Each has their own story and reason
To walk these well-worn roads***

***Camino to Santiago de Compostela
At St James tomb one can pray
The experience for each is personal***

Enlightened and enriched by the Way

***The destination is a highlight
But the journey is the reward
Time to pray, reflect and give thanks
To our savior Jesus Christ the Lord***



Tom & Diane Sixsmith at Santiago de Compostela
in Spain

40 YEARS - BISHOP WILLIAM R. JOHNSON COUNCIL

by: John Ojeda - PGK

I heard this many times, If it wasn't for Jerry Gau we would not have Bishop William R Johnson Council #9487. The same is said for Assembly 2305, Santiago de Compostela.



John Ojeda

Who is Jerry Gau?? He was born January 8, 1926, and went to Our Lord November 6, 2002. He joined the Knights of Columbus on March 1, 1950, and became a 4th Degree Knight September 1, 1967. These dates are well before the local groups were founded. I do not know if this is true, but it was mentioned that he may have helped establish a Knights Council while in the U.S. Marine Corps.

I know he was a U.S. Marine and served as a Gunnery Sergeant. He served in the Marine Corps for at least 25 years. He also worked at the US Post Office as a mail carrier and retired after 20 years. I was told that he chose not to become a Grand Knight but always preferred to be in a Servant position. He did not talk about his past often.

This does not mean he did not give orders. Jerry was the 1st Financial Secretary for our Council. I have heard he was a great influence on getting so many Knights to be 4th Degree Brothers. He ran the Council along with the Grand Knight and made sure everything was done by the book. He knew the guidelines and Supreme rules and stuck to them, standing up to speak at meetings, no cell phones ringing at meetings, a believer in protocol. He was always willing to assist Grand Knights and our Council Officers. He was also influential in establishing the 4th Degree Assembly 2305 and served as Purser, same as our Financial Secretary role.

Back in the day meetings were held at local banks that allowed us to use rooms for meetings. Jerry was the person who worked with the local banks to arrange these meetings. One was in Leisure World (now Laguna Woods), and another in Lake Forest. Jerry served as Financial Secretary for about 10 years. Even though he had a gruff Marine exterior everyone who knew him, said he was a wonderful man and would help you in any way he could. One story from PGK Peter Kellen was at a 1st Degree ceremony. Yes, we did degrees separately. The Music Man was up front and overpowering the ceremony. GK Kellen asked Jerry if anything could be done, such as moving the music boom box. Jerry told him, "You're the GK, you can make it happen"

PGK Dick Petrash tells the story of Officers completing a Semi-Annual Audit and spending over 2 hours trying to find 9 cents that they were off. Finally, someone said, here is the 9 cents, can we go home now. Jerry treated all money as if it was his own. He could be heard telling the Council, "Your spending money like a drunken Sailor."

For many years, Jerry was wheelchair bound. This did not stop Jerry from volunteering and working faithfully for our parish. He organized our blood drives. Although it was very difficult for him, he attended daily morning Mass without fail. He was an inspiration to all who saw him bear his physical struggles in a tough Marine fashion.

Jerry was a proud American and proud of his fellow marines. Before leaving for morning Mass, he pulled himself up from his wheelchair to raise the American flag, daily, on the flagpole in front of his home and he lowered and removed it every evening before dark.

One other sign of his sincerity and kindness is that Jerry would visit Knights in the Hospital. CGK Dick Gregg told me Brother Jerry may have been an influence on PGK Bill Breen in setting up the Tootsie Roll Drive. It was called the MR Drive then, not politically correct today. I wish that I had worked with Brother Jerry Gau and got to know him firsthand. He was in a wheelchair when I joined the Council. As we near our Council's 40th Anniversary, please help us celebrate Brother Jerry Gau for his service to our country, and for helping establish our council and the Santiago de Compostela Assembly.



Celebrate
MORE LIFE. GIVE BLOOD.



**American
Red Cross**

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Santiago de Compostela
Catholic Church

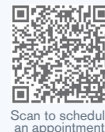
Parish Hall
21682 Lake Forest Drive
Lake Forest, CA 92630

Tuesday, August 11, 2026
1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

To schedule your blood donation appointment,
Look for the blood drive sign up table after Mass
Or sign up on-line at www.RedCrossBlood.org
Use Sponsor Code: SDCLF
Or contact Carlos Chacaliaza granchaca@yahoo.com



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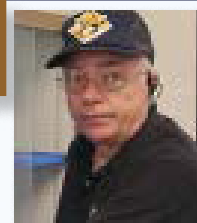
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GENE GANLEY RECYCLING REPORT



News Worthy Events: Earnings were \$3,396.

We received \$3,396 for the month which is a great figure. The program continues to do well and the support we receive is fantastic. Let's make 2026 a record year with every one's participation, whether dropping off your recyclables, helping Monday morning or during the week. Let's not leave it to a few, but everyone come and participate with your brother Knight's and bring your wives. It is a great time to socialize and have fun.

We are only as successful as the effort we put forth.

We want to thank those brothers who have stepped up to help on Monday mornings. They are a very dedicated group and do a commendable job. We still need an extra truck we can call on when needed...Is that YOU? Please contact Hector Guzman at (949) 301-6686

We URGENTLY need walkers and a TRUCK at the Lake Forest Mobile Home Park and sorters at the barn. It only takes about one hour or if you can come for 1/2 hour, we can use you. Anyone who can help us out - please contact Hector Guzman at (949)301-6686.

We need all our brothers to drop off all their recyclables: You can drop off all your recyclables at any time in the bind. If everyone dropped them off we would see a significant increase.

Looking for 2026 Weekly Recycling Team Members

The recycling area is known as the Barn so we call the weekly recycling teams 'Barn Duty'. We create 3-4 person teams and assign the same week each month to the team so they can handle any recyclables left in the dropoff area from Monday to Sunday putting in around 3-4 hrs of volunteer hours on their assigned week. You will be trained and have your own key so you can recycle on your own schedule after you coordinate with your team members. You do not need to be retired. A number of our current volunteers are working full time jobs so we recycle before or after work and on the weekends, once again only 1 week per month for a few hours. The Barn Duty teams handle about 50% of the recyclables dropped off so they are an important part of the Recycling program. Please contact Al Gamarra at adgamarra@gmail.com or text/call 714-697-8322 for more information and to volunteer to help.

*Thanks to all of you who contribute your time to make this program a success. We start at 7AM Monday mornings and finish up around 9AM. Several of the group goes to Woodys or Polly's Pies for breakfast after recycling. Please contact Hector Guzman (949) 301-6686 to join the fun. You can learn a lot about recycling. We also need someone with a truck and can do pick-ups at the Lake Forest Mobile Home Park from 7AM - 8AM on Mondays... Please contact **Hector Guzman at (949) 301-6686.** God bless, George Nothhelfer*

We will no longer be picking up at Woody's since the owner no longer wants to support the program. However, my son is collecting more plastic bottles and cans at his work from other establishments in the area. This may equate to more money than what we made off glass at Woody's.

Monday Morning and Barn Duty Recyclers

Hector Guzman, George Nothhelfer, Mike McCormack, Domingo Roldan, Ricardo Teano, Tim Tunila, Ed Adams, Roy Reyes, John Ojeda, Bud Givenrod, John Ruelas, Ronnie Almero, Bernadette Halter, German Grepo, George Bull, Cindy Guzman, Pete Kellen, James Gilbert, Jeremy Throckmorton, Rey Pagulayan-Sy, Patty Balen. Joseph De Prospero, Eric Smith, James McCarty, Steve Williams

JULY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

July 1st, 2026

Worthy Grand Knight Mark Angel conducted the July 2026 meeting

Minutes By: Rene Esparza – Recorder

Worthy Chancellor Bro. Dennis Fung led us in an opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the meeting commenced at 7:30 pm.

Black Box this month is going to the Funeral Stipend for Brother Stewart Inagawa's services. Any funds over the \$200.00 funeral stipend, The Inagawa Family has asked it be given to St. Michael's Abbey.



Rene Esparza

WGK recognized our special guest from State Vince Vasquez past Supreme State and acknowledged our past chapter President and all past Grand Knights who were present and Special Guests.

Minutes from our June 2026 meeting were published in our newsletter; a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as published. Motion approved.

WGK Report: WGK theme for this year comes from James Chapter 2 versus 24-26. WGK explained it's to have Faith but also to do the Works of Faith in everything we do as Knights of Columbus. WGK will continue our dedication to our Lady of Guadalupe. WGK recognized Brothers Mike Byrne, Rene Esparza, George Nothhelfer and Ricardo Teano for their continued work for our Newsletter. Furthermore, Brother Editor Steve Grinrod.

WGK acknowledged the Knight of the Year and Family of the Year.

Knight of the Year: Dave Atkins

Family of the Year: Ken & Giselle Breneman

Elected Outside Guard had to resign due to Family obligations. Election to replace the Outside Guard at our August Meeting will be held. Brother Mike Hickey has been slated for the Outside Guard. WGK also informed the council if anyone would like to be nominated for the position to please have a brother nominate them and send in the nomination prior to the August meeting.

Please look at this month's Newsletter regarding the remembrance of our brother Stewart. He had a HUGE impact on our council and will be missed.

WGK ended with a great message and advice from Brother Roger, not to forget to enjoy the experience of Grand Knight.

James Kattapuram Treasurer's Report: PLEASE CONFIRM W/ Treasurer for Month Ending July Balances

Checking Account \$19,198.32

General Savings \$20,527.57

Draw Down Savings \$21,382.11

Ken Allen's Scholarship Fund \$37,888.83

Worthy Financial Secretary Vince Hewitt financial report:

Receipts: \$4,108.65

Vouchers: \$4,827.19

Membership report by Worthy Membership Director Ricardo Teano (on vacation) Exemplification ceremony tentatively set for August 2nd

Retention Committee Update by Brother John Teeter as to efforts by officers participating in phone calls and direct mail for Brothers who have not paid their dues. They had good success.

JULY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

Report of Committee's provided by Worthy Program Director Deputy Grand Knight Nick Thomo:

Brizzios Fund Raiser Mike Sofka provided an update. The net raised was less than previous fund raisers at Brizzio's, however, was the same day our brother Stewart had passed.

Father's Day Bake sale update by Brother Mike Byrne. We did a great job for the first three masses this year. We cleared \$510.00 which is all profit. Next year will do the first three masses then do the 1:45PM Spanish Mass with our Latino Brothers. Also, for next year we should designate the funds to go to Pro-Life charities.

Drive-thru Recycling update by Brother Mike Byrne. Many Brothers showed up, we were able to get most of the cans and bottles smashed to make more room for more which makes more money. Finished with sandwiches and fellowship.

Scholarships Brother Danny provided an update on the submissions for Scholarship consideration. Not as many applications were submitted as many as last year. Scholarships will be handed out at a pizza party which will be scheduled later.

Recycling Brother Hector provided an update on our weekly recycling. Still barely getting enough folks to help out but still driving forward. State is coming down so he will be meeting with them. Brother Chris also commented that we could get some help midweek.

First Friday Adoration WGK provided an update on First Friday Adoration as well as changes. Brothers John Teeter and Rene Esparza will be taking over First Friday Adoration effectively immediately.

4th of July Brother Rich provided an update on the 4th of July parade. Please be there at 0830 please wear your Knights gear. Will be a great event.

Breakfast Burritos Worthy Program Director Deputy Grand Knight Nick Thomo provided update. Date set for July 12th for the first three masses until all is cleaned up.

10th Annual Camino Brother Ricardo Casillas and Brother Dave Atkins provided an update. Team is all set but still needs help getting folks registered. If you want to volunteer, there are signup sheets available.

HOSPITALITY: Bro Ben provided an update that he will be scaling back on the services he will be performing. Effective September 12th he will not be serving at 5:00PM Mass. He will continue to serve Sunday's 1015AM and 1200 the first and third Sunday of every month.

WGK introduced Brother Vince Vasquez to address the council. Brother Vince advised us he was installed as the Evangelization of Faith Formation Director for the State of California. He thanked many in our council for their support. He informed us his availability in our council will be minimal due to his new obligations but will do his best to participate. Brother Vince provided WGK with the official State Tie and Pin as a thank you for the support.

HOSPITALITY: Bro Ben provided an update. He thanked those who helped with First Holy Communion and Confirmation Mass. Reminded us there will be a Eucharist procession at the end of all masses on Sunday June 7th, 2026.

Worthy Financial Advisor Mark Yubetta was not in attendance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Budget for the 2026-2027 Columbian Year. WGK addressed the questions asked about the Budget. He provided a detailed response to those questions.

WGK requested motion to approve the 2026-2027 Columbian Year Budget. Vote was approved by the council. Budget PASSED.

WGK brought up to the council at our last meeting about our banner how it says "El Toro, California" Many long-term council members asked WGK that we should leave it as is and NOT change it to Lake Forest, California out of respect for the history of our council.

WGK advised this coming February 2027 will be the 40th anniversary of our council. There were no ideas brought as requested by WGK. WGK would like a committee of long-term members to work on how we

JULY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

would like to acknowledge our anniversary. Brother Pat, Brother Roger and Brother Nick volunteered.

NEW BUSINESS: Change in meeting time to be brought up at least half an hour before the current scheduled meeting time. Possible start time of 6:20PM. WGK requested a show of hands of who would like to have the meeting start earlier. (many brothers raised their hands).

WGK reminded everyone that the Officers' meeting is on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM. ALL council members are welcome to attend and will have the opportunity to speak. Please attend and bring new ideas. The monthly council business meeting is not really the venue to bring new ideas.

WORTHY LECTURER READ THE SICK AND DISTRESSED LIST: Blessed Michael McGivney Canonization prayer read by all Knights.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH AND KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

July Knight of the Month: Roger Sonnenfeld

July Family of the Month: Therese and Roger Sonnenfeld

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSERIES were acknowledged along with a raffle.

Chancellor Dennis Fung and Knights read the closing prayers.

Black Box: \$425.00 for Brother Stewart's Funeral Stipend.

Next K of C Council Meeting will be August 5th, 2026 7:00PM

List of Knight and Family of the Month 2023 - 2026

	Knight of the Month	Family/Group of the Month
2023		
Knight/Family of the Year Mark Angel		
January	Than Duong	David Balen & Family
February	Andrew Zumkehr	-
March	Kiet Wu	Dianne & Tom Sixsmith
April	Mark Angel	Alanna & Vincent Farro
June	-	Denise & Bill Ramires
July	Rafa Villasenor	Monica & Alfonso Jimenez
August	Deacon Manuel Espitia	Rhoda & Darwin Yaneza
September	Angel Garcia	-
October	James Gilbert	Carmen & Oscar Mugol
November	German Grepo	Kanoe & Bryan Martin
December	Mike Sofka/Bob Kupfert	Erin & Mike Ulibarri
2024		
Knight/Family of the Year Ricardo Teano		
January	-	Golda & James Kattapurum
February	Alex Hernandez	-
March	Michael Byrne	Theresa & Dave Gray
April	Ivan Lopez	Susan & Bill Stegal
May	-	-
June	Rene Esparza	-
July	Troy Balmer	-
August	Nick Thomo	-
September	Bob Shoemaker	Lyanamar & Leopoldo Pena-Medina
October	Ramiro Ramirez	Minh & Kiet Wu
November	Patrick Munoz	Rosa & Emiliano Leonides
December	Vince Hewlett	Erin & Mike Ulibarri
2025		
Knight/Family of the Year John Teeter		Eileen & Mark Angel
January	Joel Sicat	Ruby & Domingo Roldan
February	Chris Hudnall	-
March	-	-
April	Ricardo Casillas Sr.	Bernadette & Roger Halter
May	Richard Farina	Rey & Suzanne Pagulayan-Sy
June	Jose Lopez	Maria & Johnne Leoncio
July	David Stokes	Kayla & Carlos Chacaliaza
August	Felipe Requilman	Ana & Julio Martinez
September	-	Siobhan & Michael Hickey
October	Ben Niewinski	-
November	James Gilbert	Helping Hands/Loving Hearts Ministry
December	Mike Ulibarri	Eileen Reinoehl & Eric Smith
2026		
Knight/Family of the Year David Atkins		Giselle & Ken Breneman
January	Sergio Casillas	Ana Amaya
February	Gerald Ozota	-
March	Carlos Chacaliaza	Lorena Orozco & Arturo Gonzalez
April	Dr. Anthony Mascola.	Sue & Steve Seastrom
May	Norrie Olmo	Constantine and Ngwafa Relinthis Amungwa
June	Nick Thomo	Tara & Nick Thomo
July	Roger Sonnenfeld	Therese & Roger Sonnenfeld
August	Richard Farina	-
September	-	-
October	-	-
November	-	-
December	-	-

FATHER MICHAEL J. McGIVNEY GUILD

Father McGivney, Founder

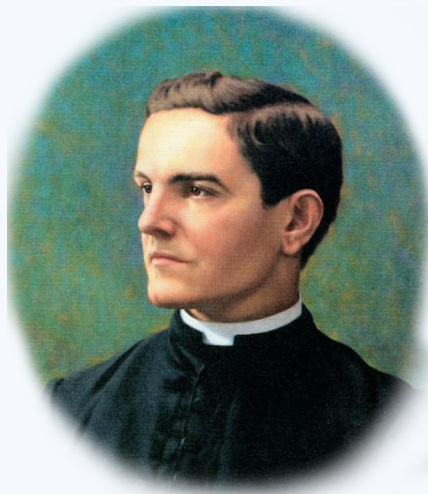
If the strength of an organization can be judged by its founder, it is no surprise that the Knights of Columbus continues to grow in numbers and good works as it celebrates 144 years next week. Father McGivney laid a strong yet supple foundation, appropriate for its day yet open to change and challenges.

We need only to consider the words of those who knew him to discover his unique character. He was known for his orderliness and attention to detail as seminary sacristan, yet fellow students remembered best his sense of humor and easy laugh. His rector called him “exceedingly sensitive *usque ad lacrimas*” (“even unto tears”), yet as a priest, Father McGivney stood bravely at the gallows, reciting the prayers of the Church for a young murderer he had brought back to the faith. In a eulogy, a Knight said, “He was a man of the people,” zealous for the betterment of both their earthly condition and immortal souls.

As we observe the day the Connecticut legislature approved the charter of the Order – March 29, 1882 – let us ask Blessed Michael McGivney to continue to build up his Knights in charity, unity and fraternity.

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FATHER MCGIVNEY PRAYER



Father McGivney – may the example of your life
Serve to guide us in our mission
and our individual roles as Knights of Columbus.

May we always be faithful Catholics
and followers of your vision.

In doing so, help us to deepen our roles
as leaders in our parish and in our community.

May we be always supportive of our clergy
and responsible in building our Order.

Help us to be ever effective
in conceiving and carrying out our activities
in the church and in the world.

Blessed Father McGivney, pray for us.

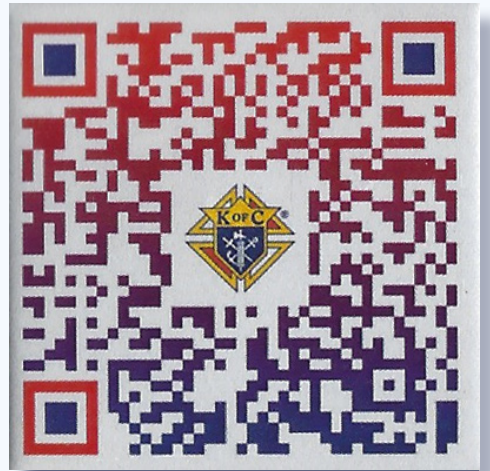
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Karen Gamarra	Steven Valderrama	John Teeter
Sue Seastrom	Dominic Rainone	Andrew Anastasio
Ronald Surak	Patrick Walloch	Linda Bibona
Dr. Peter Kellen	David Bohmfalk	Vincent Vasquez
Ben Niewinski	Cecilia Carey-Zuniga	Ronald Fernandez
Rudolfo Reyes	Elodia Goncalves	Judy Morgan
Patrick Desmond	Martha Morales	Melle-Lou Del Rosario
Michael Hickey	Kenneth Baer	James Marchetta
Dennis Fung	Sahayaraj Jeganathan	Nick Benigno
John Gallegos	Dante Ramella	Christopher Poli
James Kattapuram	Pearl Breen *	Andrew Shields
Joseph Micalizio	Gary Clack	Jean Sofka
Jerome Daleiden	Janine Glenn	Nathan Walden
Susan Ranahan	Lana Merchant	Anthony Walker
Michael Byrne	Ruth Seamark	Dr. Jose Gonclaves
Lisa Durham	Christopher Smith	Sarah Lieske
Joel Kattapuram	Mary Ojeda	Jill Lynch
Joseph Lozano	Matt Pirofalo	Andrew Zumkehr

** Denotes Charter Members and their Spouses*

August Anniversaries



Beau & Dr. Peter Kellen 02	Cecelia & David Carey-Zuniga 19
Catherine & Patrick Kane 05	Janet & Randall Gamache 23
Norma & Domnador Laudencia 08	Ana & David Bohmfalk 25
Sue & Stephen Seastrom 08	Marcia & Michael Mc Cormack 25
Loala & Tim Holmes 10	Wilma & James Marchetta 27
Elena & John Freeman 12	Nancy & Paul Coulter 28
Denise & Thomas Keddy 13	Carolyn & Robert Signorile 31
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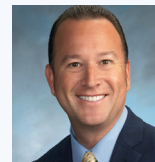
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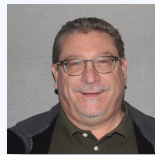
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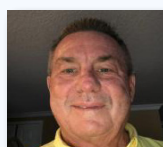
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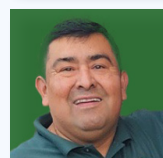
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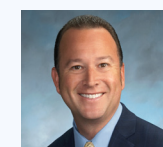
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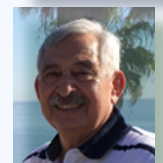
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Later, you could choose to convert your policy to whole life, which can provide coverage for your entire lifespan and accrue cash value. This can be helpful if you want a potential way to supplement retirement income or if you're interested in using insurance as part of your estate plan.

Not sure what coverage is right for you?

Please come see me after the meeting, and I would be glad to schedule a time to sit down and talk about your needs. I'm here to help you protect your family and the life you've built.

Thank you!

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