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Newsletter for March 2024

Grand Knight's Message – Ron Giannone

My dear brother Knights,

I would like to encourage you to finish your Lenten 40-day journey. We need to make the most of the time we have left. We all fail but we need to remember why we're doing this; why we're called to pray, fast, and to give to others our time and resources. During the last couple of weeks of Lent, instead of thinking about our own struggles, think about Jesus and His lonely journey through the desert. Let's put ourselves in His dusty shoes as He struggled to walk, weak from lack of food. Stay by His side and He will help us overcome our daily trials.

In the words of the Blessed Mother Teresa, "As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."

Your Brother in Christ,

Grand Knight,

Ron Giannone



Past Grand Knight's Message

Hello Everyone,

First, I want to thank you for all the prayers for my sister Linda. Her surgery went well on Wednesday, March 6th. She will be held overnight for a couple of days to make sure all remains well. Next, I want to thank everyone who turned out for the Lenten soup night, the basketball free throw competition and the annual scholarship breakfast. You turned out in force, and we had three more successful events. **Father Heslin (and friends) you are awesome!**

Just a reminder we are in the 9th month of our Columbian year, and we still have a couple of milestones to achieve before June 30th. One very important step is to invite six (6) new members to

join our brotherhood. If we can get those six brothers added before the end of March, we will qualify for a state incentive award. So, if any of you have a possible new member, please turn them in to one of your officers (post haste) and let us welcome them into this fantastic family of brothers united in the common good of CHARITY, UNITY & FRATERNITY.

And again, a reminder to **SAVE THE DATE, December 14th, 2024, will be our Father Heslin Council 100th Year Anniversary.** Details will be announced periodically to make sure you all have the opportunity to attend. If you already know you are attending, let us know in advance and we can reserve tables with your Company or Family name. We will be having a 1920's theme (optional of course). Thank you one and all and hope to see you soon.

Gil Esquer - PGK

Council News

Laten Soup

Our council participating in Laten Soup





Scholarship Breakfast

Our annual Scholarship Breakfast was on Sunday, March 3rd and we had a great turnout from our members to our church community so that we can support this year high school graduating seniors with scholarships.





Up Coming Events

- 4th Degree Ceramony is scheduled for March.
- The Chicken Drive Thru Fundraiser is scheduled for April 27th and John Borges will chair this event.



Council & Assembly Meetings

Rosary will begin at 6:15pm before each monthly meeting at Fr. Heslin Hall.

Council Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm at Fr. Heslin Hall.

Assembly News

Monsignor Alvernaz-Meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7pm at Fr. Heslin Hall. Please contact Faithful Navigator for Dinner Reservations or use the Band App.

Fr. Giles Assembly-Meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7pm and Dinner is at 6pm. Please RSVP for dinner. Contact the freshly minted, and our very own, Faithful Navigator Angel Delgadillo.

Chapter Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Sacred Heart School/Pre School-News

- ❖ Please continue supporting Sacred Heart School and Sacred Heart Pre-school. If you are interested in and are considering sending your child to Sacred Heart School, please contact the principal. Her contact information is below.

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Vocations Crucifix Program – Angel Delgadillo



Our Vocations Crucifix program here at Sacred Heart is directed by our very own Brother Knight, Angel Delgadillo, and his wife Lupe Delgadillo. They have been working tirelessly on organizing Masses and seeking out families to take the Crucifixes home to pray each week. He has a Vocations Crucifix for the Knights in our council which my family had the honor of launching by being the first hosts of the Crucifix.

If you and your family are interested in bringing home a Crucifix and praying the

rosary for the Vocations, please contact our very own **Brother Knight Angel Delgadillo** at (209)484-2948.



Know Your Brother Knight – by Don Grishaw

Ken Gomes is a 3rd degree Knight of Columbus. He has been a member of Fr. Heslin Council for 6 years. Ken was born and raised in Turlock. He is married to his beautiful wife Vicki. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. Ken is a graduate of Turlock High School and has been a member of Sacred Heart Parish his whole life. Ken completed his bachelor's degree in Business Management at St. Mary's College in the San Francisco Bay Area. He also received a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. Ken recently retired after 30 years with the healthcare industry. His most recent position was Assistant Vice President of Facilities at Emmanuel Hospital in Turlock.

Ken's current favorite activity with the Knights is the Scholarship Breakfast. In the past he greatly enjoyed volunteering at the linguica booth at the county fair. He enjoys spending time with his Brother Knights, and lending a hand when help is needed. In his free time, Ken and his wife Vicki enjoy traveling with their 5th wheel trailer. They are starting to explore more areas outside of California now that Ken is retired. One of their favorite trips was a trip to the Four Corners where they visited several national parks including Zion, Bryce Canyon and Arches National Parks.

Ken's advice to his Brother Knights is, "Stay involved! We're doing good things with good people!"



Churches From Around The World – Don Grishaw

Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte - This Portuguese Catholic Shrine is located in Tenões, outside the city of Braga in Northern Portugal. It is known as the Holy Staircase. As you can see, there are lots of stairs to climb to get up to the top where the church is located. The church is beautiful and the climb is well worth it!



An Editorial – The Way, We See It – Richard Fantazia

The saga Of the dollar bill — This story came to mind recently as the pitch for this year's BMA was being made at mass. I have for the most part forgotten how the story goes. As I remember, the story was told by our then Pastor, Fr. Prendergast and goes something like this as I recall:

The currencies consisting of the dollar, five-dollar bill, ten-dollar bill, twenty-dollar bill, fifty-dollar bill, and the hundred-dollar bill were sitting at a bar having drinks. The five and ten-dollar bills started bragging about how often they came to the bar and had fun. The ten-dollar bill and the twenty-dollar bill said, "excuse us, but we go to restaurants and nice stores, and we can buy a lot of stuff that you can't". The Fifty-and hundred-dollar bill couldn't stay quiet, so they started bragging about how they buy Champagne, go on vacations, buy expensive stuff.

The poor dollar-bill became distraught and had nothing to brag about as he only ended up in church collections usually tattered after making the trip from church to the bank and back to church several times before being replaced by newer dollar-bills. Things got so bad that the dollar-bill stopped going to church for a while. He could only afford to go to bars once and a while. Some time he couldn't even afford to buy groceries. The other places that the larger bills frequented were out of the question for the dollar. After going through a dark period where he didn't care about anything, the dollar-bill started thinking about all the churches that there were in the world and how they got built. So, he said to himself, you know what? Us dollar bills built these churches and cathedrals with very little help from our cousins (the larger bills.) sure some of our cousins helped in a big way but it was all of us little guys that gave and gave from our heart.

After this came to light, the dollar-bill started giving lectures to his cousins (The bigger denominations) about how they should be spent and how they should be going to church with them (The dollars.) The dollar-bill convinced the larger bills that hard times could come where jobs could be lost, sickness could hit, vacations would have to be canceled, and a limited number of places could be available for the bigger bills to spend, or they could be completely wiped out, but there would always be the churches waiting for their contribution.

Richard Fantazia

March Birthdays – Joe Ballas

Oldest Member List First	Birthday	Born
William More	2 nd	
Darrel Wildenberg	6 th	
Erich Gemperle	8 th	
Leopoldo Barrera	10 th	
Dale Moren	11 th	
Jorge Cervantes	11 th	
Dan Coelho	12 th	'41 64 yrs
Gerald Teran	14 th	
Daniel Orosco	16 th	
Joseph Nunes	17 th	'30
Joe F. Sousa (Hughson)	23 rd	
Dr. Luis Sanchez	24 th	
James Etchepare	28 th	
Anthony Reyes	28 th	
Joe Rosa	30 th	
Robert Varela	30 th	
Raymond Ferreira	31 th	'34 65 yrs

Sunday Mass YouTube and Regular TV Schedule

YouTube - Go to the search box and type in “Sacred Heart Church, Turlock” and hit Enter, and you will see the dates of the Masses as well as images. Just select the Mass you want to see and enjoy Mass with Father Pat or any other of our Sacred Heart priests.

Regular TV Mass Schedule

Local Channel 40KTXL at 5:30am-6:00am
 Local Channel 58KQCA at 8:00am-8:30am
 DirecTV Channel 370 EWTN at 5:00am-6:10am



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Newsletter Staff

Your Newsletter Staff consists of Brother Knights; Richard Fantazia, Gil Esquer, Don Grishaw, Angel Delgadillo, Steve Reyes, and Jesse Acevedo. Our Current Grand Knight's message is done by Ron Giannone.

Our primary purpose is to provide our Brother Knights, who cannot attend our meetings, an up-to-date information regarding our council, our assemblies, our chapter, our Sacred Heart Church, and Sacred Heart school.

We encourage any Brother Knight that is interested in contributing to this Newsletter in any way to get in contact with any member of the Staff. As usual, our staff will be delighted to hear any suggestions, comments, or concerns regarding the council's newsletter. Thank you for your support.

Jesse Acevedo

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