



# Father John Bosch Assembly Newsletter

Newsletter for members of Father John Bosch Assembly #2840 Manteca, California

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## From the Desk of the Faithful Navigator Kevin Young

Sir Knights,

On behalf of my family, I would like to wish my fellow Sir Knights a very Merry and Blessed Christmas.

I am looking for suggestions for organizations that the Assembly might raise funds for. Please forward your suggestions to me for consideration.

Reminder that there will be no Assembly dinner and meeting this month.

I look forward to seeing you are your next meet on Tuesday, January 13th.

Vivat Jesus!

SK Kevin Young  
Faithful Navigator

## Faithful Comptroller Message

Dear Sir Knights,

I have started processing the Assembly Dues Statements for 2026 and will be mailing them out the end of this month or first part of January. Assembly dues are \$30.00 for the year. Those members that are in the arrears of their past due Assembly Dues the amount will be added to this statement.

Electronic payment is now available. PayPal at [KofcManteca@comcast.net](mailto:KofcManteca@comcast.net). Indicate Assembly Dues in remarks.

If there is a hardship in paying your dues, please contact FN Kevin Young at 209 275-5172 or myself at (209) 239-5732.

Mark Lilly, Faithful Comptroller [mflilly@comcast.net](mailto:mflilly@comcast.net)

# **Assembly General Meeting has been cancelled.**

**Do not forget your aluminum cans and plastic bottles**

## **Upcoming Events**

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The follow are the scheduled upcoming events

December General Meeting and Dinner has been cancelled.

January General Meeting and Dinner will be on Tuesday, January 13th. Dinner at 6:30pm with Meeting at 7:00pm in the School Cafeteria

### **Honor Guard Call-outs**

Call Outs since last meeting: None

Future Call outs:

Rosary and Funeral Mass for SK Vern Mendes on Tuesday, December 11, 2025. Reporting time 9:45am at the Church.

Santo Nino Masse Saturday, January 17 2026 5pm mass. Reporting time 4:30pm

## **Passing of a Sir Knight**

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We are sad to report the passing of Sir Knight Vern Mendes on November 28<sup>th</sup>. SK Vern transferred to our Assembly in April 2007 and was a Sir Knight for 21 years. He was Faith Navigator of our Assembly 2009-2010.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, December 10th from 3:30pm to 6:30pm at P.L. Fry Funeral Home, N. Union Road. His services will be Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> with Rosary at 10:30am followed by Funereal Mass at 11:am at St, Anthony's Catholic Church.

We ask for your prayers for his soul and comforting prayers of his wife Maria and the Mendes family.

## **Chefs for 2025-2026 Meetings**

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Our Faithful Navigator Kevin Young is seeking volunteers for the last three months of 2026 to be Chefs for our meetings. If interested please contact him at [kevin.young00@aol.com](mailto:kevin.young00@aol.com)

## **Warrior to Lourdes Fundraiser**

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Our Assembly hosted a breakfast on Sunday, November 9 to raise funds for the Warrior to Lourdes Program. I was a very successful breakfast. We would like to thank the Sir Knights and Brother Knights St. Anthony Council for their help with this fundraiser. The Knights of Columbus and the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA are honored to be able to support — and accompany — soldiers and veterans who come to Lourdes to pray for peace and healing.

## **Who is Father John Bosch?**

FATHER JOHN BOSCH, C.P.P.S.

For our newest Sir Knights who might wonder where the name was selected for our Assembly. It was named after Father John Bosch, a Precious Blood priest who was an associate pastor at St. Anthony Church in the early 1990's. Father Bosch was born on November 27, 1926 in Ohio. He entered the Missionaries of the Precious Blood on December 3, 1947 and was ordained a priest on May 18, 1952. When St. Anthony's Council #10693 was chartered in August, 1991, Father Bosch became the Council's Chaplain. As a Fourth Degree Knight, he also served as Faithful Friar of O'Connor Assembly #48 in Stockton from 1992 to 1994. He retired to Ohio in 1995 and died on April 14, 1998. He was an early supporter of the Knights of Columbus at St. Anthony of Padua Parish. Because of his enthusiasm for our Order, it was felt that he was most deserving to have our new Assembly named after him. Supreme Headquarters agreed.

Editors Note: Thanks to Sir Knight Marion Elliott for submission of this article.

## **Pray for the Following Sir Knights and Immediate Family Members**

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Sir Knights Francisco Carreno, Dino Cunial, Ed Damasco, Gilbert Diaz, Mike Donnelly, Marion Elliott, Nat Garcia, John Gilmore, Joe Gomes, Don Grabowski, Matney Guillory, Solomon Kujabi, , Tony Olliviei, Joe Pellegrino, Michael Reilly, Randall Young

Cora Doria, Jean Damasco, Maria Jackson, Lorealee Matthews, Monieca Medina

Mario Gonzalez, son of SK Jesse Page, Adam Muse Great Grandson of SK Mel Picanco, Stephanie Smith, daughter Brother Steve DeBrum, Tiffny Laplume, granddaughter of Ron Laplume

Please especially remember the following in your prayers. For the soul of SK Vern Mendes, Healing prayer for Sir Knights, Dino Cunial, Marion Elliott, Vern Mendes, Ed Damasco, Nat Garcia, John Gilmore, Joe Gomes, Don Grabowski, Matney Guillory, Solomon Kujabi, Tony Ollivier, Joe Pellegrino, Michael Reilly Randall Young. SK wives: Lorealee Matthews, Monieca Medina, Terry Giomi Jr. son of SK Terry Giomi, Stephanie Smith, daughter Brother Steve DeBrum, and Tiffny Laplume, granddaughter of Ron Laplume

Please contact me to add, delete or change anyone in this column, Thank you, Mark Lilly, Editor.

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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Sir Knights Birthdays in December:

Father Pat Walker, PFN Jimmy Christensen, Xavier Berger, Steve Perez, Ted Acoba, Ryan Matthews, Robert Buckley and Nat Garcia

Sir Knights' Ladies Birthdays in December:

Olivia Olliver, Normas Lopez, Lucy Garcia, Sharon Cunial, Marilyn Penko, Diane Lehman, Matilda Marshall

Sir Knights and their Ladies that are celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in December:

Robert and Lucy Garcia, Joe and Kathy Dolan, Dick and Maureen Bishop, PFN Jose and Maria Solorzano, Mike and Barbara Donnely, PFN Bill and Mabel Labiak, Steve and Carol Perez

If you have not seen your wife's birthday or your anniversary that means we do not know the dates. Please contact our Faithful Comptroller Mark Lilly with the dates so he can enter them in the Assembly database.

## **Assembly Officers for 2025-2026**

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**FATHER JOHN BOSCH ASSEMBLY #2840  
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT, ST. JUNIPERO SERRA PROVINCE  
FATHER JOHN BOSCH ASSEMBLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>DECEMBER 2025</b>		<b>JANUARY 2025</b>		<b>FEBRUARY 2025</b>	
9th	General Meeting & Dinner Cancelled	13th	General Meeting & Dinner 6:30pm – School Cafeteria	10th	General Meeting & Dinner 6:30pm – School Cafeteria

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