



# Knightly Newsletter

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## Chaplain's Column

Father Matthew is on vacation in early July. Please keep him and his health and safety in your prayers.

## PROGRAMS

### Faith (Dea. Dan Paulus & Joe Geranio)

In July, the men's breakfast will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at 7:30 AM in the Parish Center and engage in the Men of the Word Scripture Study. Come yourself and invite another man-- this is a very Catholic program, but *all men* are welcome. We are over halfway through the current study and Deacon Dan is open to new faith formation ideas for when the study is complete.

### Community (Louie Rodriguez & Anthony Martinez)

Thanks to God and all the volunteers, it was another day of blessings for the community this last food distribution event. The next food distribution event will be July 26th and we will need volunteers to be in the parking lot between 8:15-8:30am. May God continue to richly bless you and your families.

### Knight Life (Robert Poncini)

On July 4, 1776, our Founding Fathers declared "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Although the 4th of July is not a religious holiday, we look to this day as a time to reflect on God's goodness to us as a nation. The Liberty Bell in Philadelphia has molded into it the words from Sacred Scripture: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" (Leviticus 25:10).

Our independence was not easily won; nor were our first

## GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

Worthy Brother Knights,

For the month of July, a month of celebration and reflection as we mark the Fourth of July, a day of great significance in the history of our nation. As we gather with family and friends to commemorate this day, let us remember the values of freedom, independence, and unity that have shaped our country under God.

Thank you for your continued support and participation. Together, we will continue to make a positive difference in those around us and in our church community. God Bless!

*Vivat Jesus!*

Gabriel A. Dela Riva

Grand Knight

### **A Note from Financial Secretary Augie Beltran**

Worthy Brothers,

I'm happy to report that the Altar Server event at Fun Works was a great success, well represented by Altar Servers from both English and Spanish Masses. Special thanks to Worthy Brothers Robert Poncini and Deacon Dan Paulus, who helped carry the day. It was nice to see the large showing of our Worthy Brothers at our last meeting; thank you for coming. Again, if anyone needs a new badge, send me an email at [Augb67@gmail.com](mailto:Augb67@gmail.com) or call or text me at 209-493-9100. Finally, I'd like to encourage everyone to download the KC EPCS app at the Apple or Android store. There are now 6 of us using the app and it is a great device for communicating.

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years as a nation free from problems, as today. As brother Knights, let the sound of freedom ring in our hearts and in our prayers as we continue to pray for our nation, those in governance, and for the upcoming election. Just as our forefathers fought for their lives and independence, so must we continue to spiritually fight for the values of Christian families and the lives of the unborn. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).



### A Note from Chapter 6 President Lou Gervais About the KC-EPCS App

Here is the hyperlink to our "[KC-EPCS Quick Start Guide](#)" for those of you who reported downloading the App and were never able to get on. The registration process is very simple, like most new subscriptions that you sign up for minus entering your credit card into as our App is OPEN and FREE to all Knights BUT you need a special CODE to register. This may be the issue for those of you who tried this and were not successful. The CODE is on the [Quick Start Guide](#) in the lower right hand corner. It is very cryptic. Once you see, I am willing to bet that you will recognize and realize its significance.

I did look at the link on your [Council's website](#) and found the link for the KC-EPCS App account brings you directly to the account login page. It would be better to actually go to our [Chapter Website](#) and use the initial landing page that not only links to all that you need but has tutorials and support documents that you may find useful. We will assist all brothers who are interested at our next Council meeting on July 9, 2024 to get their registrations for this App established and show those of you who would like to get the App on their phones. Don't fret and come prepared with an open mind, willingness to give it a try, and all questions that you may have. We will do our best to address all of them and

provide you with ongoing support. We really feel that this App will be a better way to communicate, share information about events, pictures, videos, and even establish a FORUM should you wish. We are here to help and make a difference.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 9: Council 5303 monthly meeting (6:00 pm Rosary followed by dinner, meeting at 7:00 pm.)
- July 13: Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, 7:30 am
- July 13: Bingo at the Family Life Center, 6:00 pm
- July 26: Second Harvest food distribution
- July 27: Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, 7:30 am
- July 28: Wine and cheese after 5:00 pm Mass
- July 28: Donuts, coffee & hot chocolate after all Masses

### KNIGHTS CORNER

Here is a link to our diocesan Prayer for Vocations: <https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/flocknote-files/prayerforvocationsenglish3.pdf>  
We ask that you recite this prayer as often as you can.

### CHANCELLOR'S COLUMN

Continue to keep Shirley DuVal, Lou Gervais and Frank Bianchi in your prayers.

For additions, deletions, corrections, or updating current status, please call your Chancellor, Danny Costello.

### JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Moises DaRosa, 4<sup>th</sup>; Christopher Bernardi and Joey Machado, 8<sup>th</sup>; Milt Medeiros, 16<sup>th</sup>; Deacon Dan Paulus, 18<sup>th</sup>; Jason Taylor, 20<sup>th</sup>; Danny Costello, 28<sup>th</sup>