



# Knighly Newsletter

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Charity-Unity-Fraternity-Patriotism



## Chaplain's Column

Dear brother Knights

As we begin the month of May I remind you that each of us received a Rosary when we joined the Knights. Let's keep moving the beads!

Pray the Rosary always--alone or with your family. Our mother Mary is a great comforter and intercessor. Stay close to her and she will keep you close to her son, Jesus.

God bless,  
Fr. Matthew

## PROGRAMS

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

In May, 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 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)

Thank God and all the volunteers. The April food distribution was another day of blessings for the community. We have decided we will not be part of the DROP program with Second Harvest and will continue to have the distribution as usual. The next food distribution event will be May 31st and we will need volunteers to be in the parking lot no later than 8:30 a.m. Also, the couples' Bible study (*Date with the Word*) will continue meeting once a month for all the brother knights and wives that

## GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

Worthy Brother Knights,

Our council continues to grow stronger with new members joining our fraternity. We will exemplify our new brothers on May 14th at 6 PM in the church. It would be nice for as many brothers from our council to attend to show support and welcome our new brothers.

I am proud of the dedication and commitment shown by our council members in serving our community and willingness to help at all of our events. We will continue to positively impact and uphold the values of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

Thank you all for your continued support and guidance.

*Vivat Jesus!*

Gabriel A. Dela Riva  
Grand Knight

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 11: Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, 7:30 am
- May 11: Parish Living Rosary, 4:00 pm
- May 14: Council 5303 CUF Exemplification in lieu of the monthly meeting (6:00 pm in the church. Reception to follow.)
- May 25: Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
- May 25: Wine and cheese after 5:00 pm Mass
- May 26: Donuts after all Masses
- May 27: Memorial Day
- May 31: Second Harvest food distribution

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are interested in joining. The next one will be on May 19<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 to 1:00pm in the Parish Center. For more information about the couples' Bible study ask Grand Knight Gabriel or Deacon Dan. May God continue to richly bless you and your families.

### **Knight Life** (Robert Poncini)

Worthy Brothers,

Mother's Day is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the beautiful vocation of motherhood and the gift of human life. It calls us to cherish the gift of life that we receive from our mothers and to pray for all women to whom God has entrusted life in a very special way. As we pray in thanksgiving for the gift of mothers, we remember mothers experiencing difficult pregnancies and pray they may find support and encouragement in choosing life for their children.

It is also important to remember that Mother's Day can be a difficult holiday for many people. We honor all the mothers we remember in our prayers by showing sensitivity and compassion to all who find this holiday particularly challenging for many reasons. Mary, Mother of God, Our Mother, pray for us.



### CHANCELLOR'S COLUMN

Continue to keep Lou Gervais, Paul Fogarty and Frank Bianchi in your prayers.

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

### 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.

Please support the parish **Living Rosary** on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 4:00 pm at the Shrine of our Lady of Fatima. Honor our Blessed Mother on the eve of Mother's Day with your attendance and bring along your family.

On June 14<sup>th</sup> Council 5303 will sponsor the St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish **altar servers** to a day at **Fun Works** on Coffee Road. The time slot is from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm.

### **A note from Financial Secretary Augie Beltran:**

Worthy Brothers,

I don't think we say this enough, but thank you for all you do. From Wine & Cheese/Donut weekend to Bingo and everything else, when we need help, we can count on everyone to help. Our council stands as a great example of when faithful, dedicated men stand together to support their community. Without you, we wouldn't be a successful council. Due to our collective efforts, several men within our parish have been asking about the Knights. I encourage you to invite them to a meeting or ask them to volunteer at one of our events. Our council turns no man away, even though you must be a "Practical Catholic" to join. It's our job to help all men move toward that end. Our council continues to grow and now stands at 86 members, with 6 candidates that will stand for Exemplification on Tuesday, May 14, at 6 pm. Finally, our events have proven successful. I'm proud to report that almost every dollar we raised was reinvested back into our parish community.

### **MAY BIRTHDAYS:**

May 3: Steven Aguilar; May 6: Frank Bracco;  
May 11: Ted Hartman; May 17: Scott Lucas