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These Knights are designated as Alternate Delegates, their duty is to fill in for the GK or DGK when they are unable to carry out their duties such as attending meeting.

Sick & Distressed



Please Remember These Brother Knights, Their Ladies, Relatives and Friends in Your Prayers.

R.I.P.

Victor Palacios – Pablo Noweh's Father-in-Law Ida May – Donald Durensky's Wife

Special Intentions for Brother Knights

Dr. Paredes Modesto (health issues) Mario Santos (cancer) Robert Escobar Don Gargiulo PGK George Kubeck Al Castellano John Oliver George Limar Mario Bica (paralysis) Sam Gloriso (kidney failing)

Special Intentions for Relatives and Friends

Lauren Rodriguez (taking exams to determine illness) – Jorge Rodrigues' Granddaughter Mario De Jesus (recovery after major surgery) – Ben Arugon's Father-in-Law Vicki (recovery from injury) – Rick Tkach PGK's Wife Bridget (complete recovery from surgery) – Felipe Fernandez' Wife Freddy & Laura Lopez (healing stage four cancer) John Ramirez – Carlos Ramirez's Son Juana Morales – Carlos Ramirez's Friend Theresa Morales (healing from a fall) – Paulo Morales's Mother Linda Laymay (cancer) – Rolly Arenz PGK's Sister-in-Law Bob Serb (chemotherapy for cancer) – Bill Serb PGK's Brother Rose – Carlos Chavez PGK's Wife Jo Reynolds Kelly Ann Ford-Harris (breast cancer) Sherel Pringle, Vernon Woods Jenny Hayden, Kevin Duronslet (bone cancer), Gary Woods, Patricia Cambel (stroke), Kathy Albright, Pat Duronslet, Ed Pajario (colon cancer) - Lloyd Duronslet PGK's Family & Friends Jim Mangrum, Linda Alder - Family & Friends of John Oliver

Reminder – To have anyone placed on this list you can send information to our Grand Knight or directly to our Bulletin Editor.

THE GRAND KNIGHT



Dear Brother Knights,

Thanks to all the brother Knights who came out to help with the ID drive, Orange County Walk for Life, Oktoberfest, and Trunk or Treat. We realized a sum of \$5,879 from the ID drive. Great job brother knights! I also thank all St. Irenaeus parishioners for their generosity. Please let us continue with the team work, together we will achieve our council's goals. As knights, we are called to serve others especially those in needs.

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things". Mother Teresa.

Our next event is honoring our past grand knights on Saturday November 18, 2023. Also, coming up is our Christmas Party on Saturday December 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Church Hall. This event is for all knights and their families. Details of these coming events will be given at the next member meeting.

Mark your calendar for the following upcoming events:

- January 14, 2023: Our Second Pancake Breakfast.
- January 26, 27, and 28: Men's Retreat.



COUNCIL CHAPLAIN'S Corner



Give Thanks in All Things

Holy and Living God, in this Thanksgiving year 2023 when some are separated from family and friends, when it's hard to travel and gather together and celebrate Thanksgiving as we've done in the past, help us to embrace what is. Help us to give thanks within our sorrow within our fears. In all things may we open our hearts and give **you** thanks. Amen.

Thanksgiving is a time of gratitude to God whose guidance and care go before us and whose love is with us forever. A time to reflect on the changes in the seasons, when leaves turn from green to gold, to remember that we too grow and change from one season to another. As we watch the beauty of autumn unfold let us remember the many blessings that we have in our family and friends and give thanks to God for His guidance and care as we continue to grow in His Love.

If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is Thank You that will be enough.



Deputy Grand Knight & Program Director



Dear Brother Knights,

As we near holiday events in the next couple of months, let us keep in mind, all of those whom we serve. There are a number of opportunities for us as Brother Knights together, and to serve our families, our parish and our community.

Friday, October 27, 5pm

"Trunk or treat!" This Friday is the annual trunk or treat, in the parking lot of St. Irenaeus church/school. We still need a few volunteers to help with parking control, and to help serve food, at the event. There will be approximately 1000 kids that participate in this event. Please come out and join in the many smiles and laughter.

Wednesday, November 1, 7 PM

Council planning meeting, in classroom #7, at St. Irenaeus Elementary School.

Saturday, November 4, 7 AM

HOPE food distribution in the main parking lot of St. Irenaeus Church/School. Please come out and show your support for the HOPE program as they provide food to the many in the community.

Wednesday, November 8, 5:40 PM (Social)/7 PM (Meeting)

The meeting will be in the ED. Building. There will be a light snack, prior to the meeting.

Saturday, November 18, 7 AM

HOPE food distribution in the main parking lot of St. Irenaeus church/school. Please come out and show your support for the HOPE program as they provide food to the many in the community.

Thursday, November 23rd

Happy Thanksgiving Day to everyone! Enjoy that day with family and friends, keeping Jesus in your heart, and in your thoughts...

Stay well, and serve well, my Brother Knights!

Paulo Morales

Daulo Suerales

Deputy Grand Knight

FINANCIAL SECRETARY



Dear Brother Knights,

First, I want to congratulate **Adam Schuster**, whose name was drawn at our October Membership Meeting. Unfortunately, Adam was not present to win the \$40, so next month's drawing will be for **\$50**. Be there for a chance to win.

As 2023 is quickly ending, please be on the lookout for the membership dues statement for 2024, which will be in the mail and Email in mid-December. If you have had a change of address, or are not receiving our regular Council Email (from Knights of Columbus), please email your updated information to <u>mmercer38@gmail.com</u>.

We still have quite a few members delinquent in their 2023 Dues. Members whose dues remain unpaid may be transferred out of our Council to Affiliate Membership. **If you are having difficulty paying your dues, please contact me** or **Chris Nsor, GK**. Our Council has a member donated fund to provide dues assistance to help all our Council members remain in good standing.

A copy of Form 1728a individual worksheet for the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity will be included with your dues statement. Please complete and return it no later than our January Member Meeting. The Knights of Columbus is recognized as a fraternal benefit society under IRS Section 501(c) (8). Data received from all Forms 1728 received by Supreme Council assist in maintaining compliance with the IRS, so every member's input counts.

A special **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to **Ignacio Sanchez**, our most senior member, who will be celebrating #100 on November 16th. Give him a call at 714-527-7488.

I hope to see you all at our November Member Meeting on the 8th.

Vivat Jesus!

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Michael Mercer Financial Secretary Mmercer38@gmail.com



November 2023

Council 8599 Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Daylight Saving Time Ends	6	7	8 7:00 PM Membership Meeting	9	10	11 "Veter ans Day"
12	13	14 7:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting	15	16	17 7:00 AM H.O.P.E. Food Bagging	18 7:00 AM H.O.P.E Food Distribution PGK's Dinner
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

ROSARY PRAYER FOR LIFE VIGILS

Contact Ray Richmond 714-827-4206

MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

1 st	"ALL SAINTS DAY"	
1 st	PLANNING MEETING – Rm7	7:00 PM
2 nd	"ALL SOULS DAY"	
3 rd	H.O.P.E. FOOD BAGGING	7:00 AM
4 th	H.O.P.E. FOOD DISTRIBUTION	7:00 AM
5 th	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS	2:00 AM
8 th	MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Ed Building or HALL	7:00 PM
11 th	"VETERANS DAY"	
14 th	4 th DEGREE MEETING	7:30 PM
17 th	H.O.P.E. FOOD BAGGING	7:00 AM
18 th	H.O.P.E. FOOD DISTRIBUTION	7:00 AM
18 th	PAST GRAND KNIGHT'S DINNER	TBA
23 rd	"THANKSGIVING DAY"	



Coming in December

1 st	H.O.P.E. FOOD BAGGING	7:00 AM
2 nd	H.O.P.E. FOOD DISTRIBUTION	7:00 AM
6 th	PLANNING MEETING – Rm7	7:00 PM
7 th	"PEARL HARBOR DAY"	
12 th	4 th DEGREE MEETING	7:30 PM
13 th	MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Ed Building or HALL	7:00 PM
15 th	H.O.P.E. FOOD BAGGING	7:00 AM
16 th	H.O.P.E. FOOD DISTRIBUTION	7:00 AM
16 th	CHRISTMAS PARTY	6:00 PM
25 th	"CHRISTMAS"	

From Your Council......Chancellor



Dear Brothers,

I love this time of year. The days getting shorter, the air getting cooler. As a singer I love starting on the music for Advent. I also love the way that the liturgical calendar prepares our hearts for Advent and the season of longing.

So proud of each of you. We as a council have really stepped up in much the way that we did pre-pandemic and I love it. I love serving alongside each of you.

As always I encourage you to serve when you can and I pray that the Holy Spirit gladden your heart. God bless you my dear Brothers.

Vivat Jesus!

David Dunn dadunn528@yahoo.com WE4-39-1-10 "Antelope"



Roll Call October 2023 Membership Meeting

James R. Bowler Donald Durensky Paul Newman Jack Muellerleile Dante Garcia Mike Mercer Tommy Tran Rolly Arenz DD, PGK Jorge Rodriguez David Skorupinski Jerome Costa Frank Faecke Carlos Ramirez Bill Serb PGK Bill Mead Kevin Connell Rick Tkach PGK Pablo Nowell Ben Aragon Rob Johnson George Del Hierro Anthony Uy Chris Nsor GK David Dunn David Hallum

Brother Knight at Large & Vehicle Donation Chairman

ID OR CL? By Frank Faecke



On Wednesday, September 13, 2023, our Cypress Knights of Columbus Council met to enjoy lasagne and plan next month's activities. We scheduled our yearly ID Drive for October 7 and 8. Steve Bolton, former K of C State Deputy, was our guest speaker.

Steve shared that his granddaughter has an Intellectual Disability (ID) and can't even speak. He and other knights a few years ago petitioned Supreme Knight Carl Anderson in Connecticut for \$1 million to support folks with special needs. Carl's heart was moved, and he delivered a check in person to Southern California Knights for \$2 million! That money went entirely to the knights' ID charitable work.

Charities such as the Special Olympics in Southern California, Day of Sharing in Buena Park (food, drinks, and games) for folks with special needs and their families, etc. get the funds, and knights work the events for free. The Knights bought 17 laptop computers too. Steve's granddaughter got one and sent Steve a message: "I love you Grandpa!" Steve was moved to tears of joy. Through the laptop his granddaughter could speak to him for the first time. He heard her heart, which was filled with love!

Some women learn that the child in their womb may have Down's syndrome and abort that child. Other women have chosen to keep the child only to learn that expert doctors were wrong, and the child was born without any intellectual disability. I believe with all my heart that all creation from the simple slug to the complex mystery of a child comes from the hand of the loving Father of us all. How can we mere humans destroy the miracles God has created?

Those with Down's syndrome have CL (Childlike Love.) They are a gift from God. Jesus told us to become like little children to enter the gates of Heaven. These folks give our families pure love. They aren't worried about the past or present but live in the present.

Arthur (not his real name) was the youngest of six children of a couple my wife and I visited years ago to bring Holy Communion. He had Down's syndrome and was high functioning. On the last day of his dad's life, we happened to be bringing communion. We immediately called for a priest. Arthur's dad was able to swallow a tiny piece of the precious host after our priest gave him the Sacrament of the Sick. Arthur's mom received the rest of the host, and Arthur received his own host. His father died that morning. This child of God, Arthur, has been the gift of love to his mom and siblings ever since! [Continued on Page 13]

Pro-Life Information



Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

"Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-women. Three quarters of its victims are women: Half the babies and all of the mothers." Mother Teresa

Psalms 139:13

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 15: My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of earth. 16: Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. 17: How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! 18: Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand-when I awake, I am still with you.



Nicholas Beadel 11/03 Victor Tlaseca 11/8 Michael Masotto 11/12 Paul Benson 11/16 Michael Mercer 11/20

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Fr. Floi Moren 11/7 John Costa Jr. 11/9 Chris Nsor GK 11/15 **Ignacio Sanchez 11/16** Ariel Maningding 11/22 Louie Mercurio 11/28



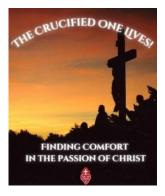
Jeff Giacomi 11/8 Felipe Fernandez 11/9 Joe Sanchez III 11/15 Carl Heinz 11/19 Sam Glorioso 11/26

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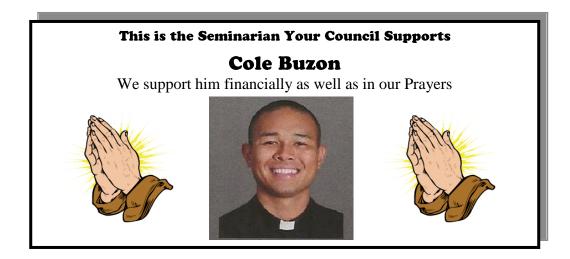
After all masses during the weekend of October 7 and 8, knights stood outside St. Irenaeus Church, each wearing a colorful vest and handing out Tootsie Rolls to donors to the ID Drive. A special announcement was made during each mass explaining the purpose of the drive. Our parish has always overwhelmed me with its generosity for all people in need all over the world!

At our K of C meeting on Wednesday, October 11, we learned that St. Irenaeus parishioners gave upward of \$5,742 to the ID Drive. As a result, we can give this financial support to such places as Hope School in Buena Park, CA. It has helped thousands with special needs get a good education and support. Let us continue to support all life, especially those with Childlike Love (CL!)

THE END



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