



The Knight Line

*St. Ignatius of Loyola Council 12853, Division #4
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Grand Knight's Corner



Brother Knights,

I want to introduce myself. Through God's Grace, I have been elected and given the privilege of serving as your Grand Knight for the next Columbian Year (2026-2027). I am excited to be able to serve you and our community. I've previously served the council in various roles including Treasurer, Deputy Grand Knight, and Trustee. I hope my experience serves me well but I also acknowledge I still have much to learn.

A little bit about me: I am a cradle Catholic, born at the US Navy Hospital in Charleston, South Carolina. When I was age 4, my father got out of the service and brought us home to where he had been raised: the San Francisco Bay Area. Eventually he found work in Sunnyvale and we settled in San Jose. While I was in junior high, my family moved to the neighborhood surrounding Holy Family and we started attending weekly mass there. Holy Family, at that time, was a Jesuit parish. I enjoyed the Jesuit philosophy so much that I attended Bellarmine for high school and Santa Clara University for college.

After college I followed the family tradition and entered Naval service by way of an ROTC scholarship in college. The Navy slogan at the time was: "Join the Navy, See the World" and I couldn't wait to see new places. Before hitting the fleet, I was sent to San Diego for school and as school came to a close, I eagerly looked forward to receiving my orders to the fleet. Imagine my disappointment when I received orders to the USS Enterprise, homeported in Alameda. I was being sent home!

After I reported aboard, I learned that in a few months the Enterprise was going to be changing home ports to Norfolk, Virginia. I also learned that we were going to get to Virginia by nearly circumnavigating the globe. We participated in, what was hailed as the largest naval exercise since WWII: PacEX '89. We had 2 carrier battle groups, 2 battleship battle groups, with dozens of destroyers, cruisers, frigates and support ships. The exercise was multi-national including the Japanese navy and the Australian navy. As we lined up in formations, I looked across the ocean and all I could see were ships. Some of the ports we visited were: Hong Kong; Subic Bay, Philippines; Pattaya Beach, Thailand; Singapore, 60 days in the Indian Ocean, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; St Thomas, VI; and Ft Lauderdale, FL before arriving in Norfolk. So, I did get to see the world after all! I got out after 4 years and returned home to California.

In 1999 I met the love of my life: Leslie (from Santa Maria, CA and also an SCU alum) and we got married at the Santa Clara Mission Church in 2001. We have 3 children of which I'm very proud: Corinne, Lucie, and Liam. All 3 went to Holy Family School. Corinne is a graduate of Presentation high, Lucie from Notre Dame, and Liam from Bellarmine. Corinne is a graduate of

Boise State and is now attending grad school at San Jose State for Occupational Therapy. Lucie is entering her final year at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Liam will begin his freshman year at Cal State Fullerton in the Fall.

Leslie and I are active members of the Cursillo community and I can honestly say Cursillo has changed my life and brought me much closer to God. Many of our Council Knights are also members of the Cursillo community. Come talk to me some time if you'd like to hear more!

Lastly, back to business: we have two vacant slots in our officer positions: Chancellor and Deputy Grand Knight. We are in desperate need of two of you to fill one of these positions. The Council is very fortunate to have several past Grand Knights who are able to help mentor you, and of course, I'll be there as well. Please give this some thought and pray on it. Think of the fun we'll have together!

Vivat Jesus,

**David Smearden, Grand Knight
St. Ignatius of Loyola Council 12853**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OFFICERS FOR 2026-2027

Those listed below were elected at the July Business meeting to be our Council's officers for the upcoming year.

Grand Knight	David Smearden
Dep Grand Knight	None yet
Chancellor	None yet
Recorder	Brad Vandehey
Treasurer	Chuck Blalock
Advocate	Gary Miskimon
Warden	Robert Chubb
Inside Guard	Dave Sonsini
Outside Guard	John Chargin
3-Year Trustee	Eric Bateman
2-Year Trustee	David Gomez
1-Year Trustee	Mike Yambra

FOR ALL MEN OF HOLY FAMILY PARISH AND SCHOOL, JOIN IN "COR" THIS MONTH



If you haven't considered attending one of our Cor gatherings yet, you are encouraged to do so. The parish has two meetings scheduled for July, the first on Saturday, July 4th. The other is on Saturday, July 18th.

Both meetings start at 9 a.m. Donuts and a Keurig coffee machine and pods are provided. These gatherings are only 1 hour long and are open for all men in the parish, so feel free to bring someone along. We commonly watch a short educational video from the Knights of Columbus "Into the Breach" series.

Congratulations to our Columbiette's 2026-2027 Board Members

President – Alicia Morales
Vice President – Blessie LaScola
Secretary – Irene Shoberg
Treasurer – Vera Moran
Financial Secretary – Peggy Rogers
Sentinel – Carol Pascoe
Past President – Patty Trillo

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

At our June Business meeting **Jon Bosco** was recognized as **May's Knight of the Month**. Brother Jon served at the May Parish Breakfast and was present almost from start to finish. He was serving food on the line and later was helping with the cleanup of the Kitchen and Hall. Brother Jon is also a regular attendee at the Cor Men's Gatherings for the Parish.



Grand Knight Eric Bateman presents the Knight of the Month recognition to Jon Bosco

KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH

May	John Bosco
April	Frank Vasquez
March	Bob Oliver
February	Toby Laufer
January	David Gomez
December	Gil Gruber
November	Oliver Eke
October	John Lourdusamy
September	John Hesler
August	Jim Lucarotti
July	Chris Schmitz
June	Don Lucas
June	Peter Mouttapa

**Knight of the Year 2024-2025
Elias David Gomez**

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Also at the June meeting, **Gary & Jeanette Miskimon** were recognized as **May's Family of the Month**. Brother Gary assisted with preparation of flowers for the Parish Mother's Day gifts. He is a regular attendee at the Cor Men's gatherings and has volunteered to be part of the Parish's vocation committee. Jeanette coordinates the weekday Sacristans & Eucharistic ministers as well as publishing the parish Prayer Line to hundreds of pray-ers.



Grand Knight Eric Bateman presents the Family of the Month recognition to the Miskimon Family

FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

May	Gary & Jeanette Miskimon
April	David & Leslie Smearden
March	Robert & Jade Chubb
February	Ernie & Blessie La Scola
January	Michel & Tracy Rodrigues
December	Ernie & Blessie La Scola
November	Chuck & Rosella Blalock
October	John & Alvira Chargin
September	Gary & Mary Herbst
August	Scott & Diane Conry
July	Mike Yambra & Patty Trillo
June	Jim & Deb Schuetz

**Family of the Year 2024 - 2025
George & Delana Romero**

Recent Council Activities



FULL KNIGHTHOOD ORDER

A combined exemplification degree for our newest Third Degree members, Christopher Curp and John Schwartz, was held June 11th in our Council Chambers (aka: the Youth Hall).



(L-R, In Front Row) Our Newest Members: Christopher Curp and John Schwartz

(L-R, Rear) The Exemplification team: Jon Bosco, David Gomez, Ernie La Scola, Eugene Okafor, Eric Bateman

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Bob Oliver was previously recognized as March's Knight of the Month. For preparing the St. Patrick's Day Dinner fundraiser and heading up the cooking crew. He worked parts of two days to ensure the meals were properly prepared and ready to serve.



Grand Knight Eric Bateman presents the March Knight of the Month to Bob Oliver

Brothers,

Father's Day was June 21. When you think of the qualities of a good father, what comes to mind? You might picture someone who leads by example, works hard, makes sacrifices, and loves unconditionally. I think one of the most important ways a father shows his love is when he protects his family in this uncertain world.

We can't always control influences the world has on our lives. A father knows it's crucial to guard his family spiritually, leading by example in faith. Similarly, we can't predict how circumstances might impact our ability to provide for our families financially. Will our employment remain secure? Will we experience a long-term disability? And, as much as we don't like to think about it, will the Lord call us home at a time we don't expect?

There are many unknowns, but always things you can do to protect your family. You can guard your loved ones through life, long-term care and disability income insurance plans. Before I close, I'd like to share a story about our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney. When he was 20 years old and in seminary, his father, Patrick, passed away. Thankfully, his bishop provided financial support to allow him to continue his studies for the priesthood. As a result, Father McGivney knew firsthand how the death of a loved one could bring uncertainty for the family.

In founding the Knights of Columbus, he started an Order that allows Catholic men like you to be the protectors their families need in life's hardest moments. I invite you to meet with me to review your current coverage or to partner in finding you the coverage to match your family's needs. I can also share other services, including Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors and Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund. Thank you!

**Joe Ayroso, KofC Financial Advisor
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July Birthdays



Frank Federico	7/5
Dien Dao	7/9
Savio Wong	7/10
Hans Rechenmacher	7/10
Toby Laufer	7/10
Jeffrey Gans	7/11
Lloyd Andrade	7/18
Mawuko Nyuiadzi	7/18

Second Collections & Post-Mass Snacks in July

June 5th - Building & Grounds
 June 12th - Community Center & Youth Hall
 June 21st - Catholic Communications
 June 28th - Holy Father Peter's Pence

Coffee & Donuts after 8:00 & 9:30 masses on June 12th, but canceled July 19th

PARISH PICNIC on July 26th at School Pavilion

Patriotic Degree Exemplification (formerly the Fourth Degree)

Exemplification of the Patriotic Order

is scheduled for July 18th at St. Lucy Parish in Campbell. All Third Degree Knights are eligible and encouraged to move up to the Patriotic Order of the Knights. Since time is short, get your applications completed, signed by your sponsor, and by our Financial Secretary, then have SK Gary Miskimon submit it to the Portola Assembly before July 8th.

KNIGHT'S ROSARY & HOLY HOUR



Our next parish Rosary & Adoration date is July 15th. Our Rosary & Adoration is normally on the third Wednesday every month. Consider coming one evening each month to pray the Rosary with your family and friends. Take advantage of this evening opportunity, after work and a meal, to come to Holy Family for Adoration of the Precious Body of Christ.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Sat, July 4th - **Attend the Parish men's Cor gathering** at 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Charity Room. Invite a friend from your ministry group. We focus on prayer, faith and Christ-centered living.

Wed. July 15th – 6:45 – 8:00 p.m. Please volunteer to **lead a single decade during the Knights rosary** (arrive by 6:45 pm) in church. Bring your family to join the Rosary.

Sat, July 18th - **Attend the Parish men's Cor gathering** at 9:00 a.m. in the Charity Room. Invite a friend from your ministry group or fellow "pew mates" or from your Coffee & Donuts table.

Sun. July 26th – PARISH PICNIC, following Sunday Masses – 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. Knights need to volunteer to help set up BBQ and food serving line beginning at 9:00 a.m.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS ON THESE DAYS

July 1	Mr. Quizzer Besinio, Bui 4 th year/Configuration
July 2	Mr. Thien Bui, 4 th year/Configuration
July 3	Mr. Fortunatus Nnadi, 3rd Year Configuration
July 4	Mr. Michael Silva, 2 nd Year/Configuration
July 5	Rev. Andrew V. Nguyen
July 6	Mr. Joseph Nguyen, 2 nd year/Discipleship
July 7	Mr. Lorenzo Caruso, 1 st year/Discipleship
July 8	Mr. Preston Venenciano, 1 st year/Discipleship
July 9	Marco Heredia, Propaedeutic Year
July 10	Mr. Quizzer Besinio, Bui 4 th year/Configuration
July 11	Mr. Thien Bui, 4 th year/Configuration
July 12	Rev. Dat Luong
July 13	Mr. Fortunatus Nnadi, 3rd Year Configuration
July 14	Mr. Michael Silva, 2 nd Year/Configuration
July 15	Mr. Joseph Nguyen, 2 nd year/Discipleship
July 16	Mr. Lorenzo Caruso, 1 st year/Discipleship
July 17	Mr. Preston Venenciano, 1 st year/Discipleship
July 18	Marco Heredia, Propaedeutic Year
July 19	Most Rev. Oscar Cantú, S.T.D
July 20	Mr. Quizzer Besinio, Bui 4 th year/Configuration
July 21	Mr. Thien Bui, 4 th year/Configuration
July 22	Mr. Fortunatus Nnadi, 3rd Year Configuration
July 23	Mr. Michael Silva, 2 nd Year/Configuration
July 24	Mr. Joseph Nguyen, 2 nd year/Discipleship
July 25	Mr. Lorenzo Caruso, 1 st year/Discipleship
July 26	Rev. Eric Piczon, Vocation Director
July 27	Mr. Preston Venenciano, 1 st year/Discipleship
July 28	Marco Heredia, Propaedeutic Year
July 29	Mr. Quizzer Besinio, Bui 4 th year/Configuration
July 30	Mr. Thien Bui, 4 th year/Configuration
July 31	Mr. Fortunatus Nnadi, 3rd Year Configuration

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SEMINARY PROPAEDEUTIC YEAR

(At Mount Angel Seminary)

Lorenzo Caruso

Preston Venenciano

Marco Heredia

Pray for all considering their calling for vocations

DISCERNING: Innocent Zirhumanana, St. Cyprian Parish

July Notable Days and Birthdays

July 1, 1862: First Income Tax bill signed by President Lincoln: 3% on incomes of \$600 - \$10,000 and 5% for over \$10,000. Congress established Bureau of Internal revenue.

July 2, 1944: Civil Rights Act signed by Pres. Johnson prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race in public accommodations, publicly owned/operated facilities, employment, union membership, and voter registration. The Act allowed cutoff of Federal funds where discrimination remained.

July 14, 1789: - Fall of the Bastille, marked the beginning of the French Revolution against the monarchy and nobility.

July 16, 1769: San Diego founded by Fr. Junipero Serra as Mission San Diego de Alcala.

July 18, 1994: Executive Order signed President Truman setting the line of succession if a president is incapacitated or dies. Following the vice president, the Speaker of the House and President Pro Tempore of the Senate are next in succession. This became the 25th Amendment.

July Birthdays: Presidents John Quincy Adams, Calvin Coolidge, Andrew Johnson, and Woodrow Wilson. Others: Princess Diana, Amelia Earhart, Tom Hanks, Jennifer Lopez, Will Ferrell, Cristiano Ronaldo, Millie Bobby Brown, and George Harrison.

Papal Birthdays: Popes Clement XI, Clement X, Innocent IX, Sixtus IV,

PATRIOTISM FROM PRESIDENTS

"The only Maxim of a free Government, ought to be to trust no Man living, with Power to endanger the public Liberty."

President John Adams

"A popular Government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a Prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy; or, perhaps both." *President James Madison*

"It is to be regretted that the rich and powerful too often bend the acts of government to their selfish purposes. Distinctions in society will always exist under every just government."

President Andrew Jackson

"There is a power in public opinion in this country, and I thank God for it; for it is the most honest and best of all powers, which will not tolerate an incompetent or unworthy man to hold in his weak or wicked hands, the lives and fortunes of his fellow-citizens." *President Martin Van Buren*

"The people — the people — are the rightful masters of both congresses, and courts — not to overthrow the constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert it." *President Abraham Lincoln*

"To announce that there must be no criticism of the President, or that we are to stand by the President, right or wrong, is not only unpatriotic and servile, but is morally treasonable to the American public." *President Theodore Roosevelt*

"The American people from bitter experience have a rightful fear that great business units might be used to dominate our industrial life and by illegal and unethical practices destroy equality of opportunity." *President Herbert Hoover*

LEARN OUR STATES' MOTTOS (Final Edition)

Massachusetts: Ense petit placidam sub liberate quietem (*By the sword we seek peace, but peace only under liberty*)

New Jersey: Liberty and prosperity

Michigan: Si quaeris peninsulam amoenam circumspice (*If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you*)

New Hampshire: Live Free or Die

Minnesota: L'Etoile du Nord (*The star of the North*)

Nevada: All For Our Country

Mississippi: Virtute et armis (*By valor and arms*)

Nebraska: Equality before the law (*One sows for the benefit of another age*)

Missouri: Salus populi suprema lex est (*Let the welfare of the people be the supreme law*)

Montana: Oro y plata (*Gold and silver*)

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July

For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from

SAVE THE DATES:

COR MEETINGS

July 4 & 18

Parish Picnic– July 26
School Pavilion

Revs v Sems– July 26
St. Francis HS, 4:40 pm

Upcoming Events

Thursday, July 2
Business Meeting
7:00 – 8:00 pm, Youth Hall

Sunday, July 5
Parish Breakfast
After 8:00 and 9:30- Masses

Saturday, July 4
Cor Gathering for Men
9:00 am, Youth Hall & Chapel

Wednesday, July 15
Rosary/Adoration
7–8:00 pm, Church

Saturday, July 18
PATRIOTIC ORDER CEREMONY
St. Luch Parish, 8 – 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 18
Cor Gathering for Men
9:00 am, Charity Conf. Room

Sunday, July 26
Parish Picnic
Volunteers – 9:00 – 2:00

Sunday, July 26, 4:30
Revs v. Sems Soccer
St. Francis HS

Thursday, July 30
Officer's Meeting
Charity Conference Room

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PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

Al Abrahamsohn	4/16/17
Jose Artigas	3/7/25
Federico Cortez	7/2/24
*Eladio Cruz	1/26/26
Howard Davis	1/11/16
Patrick Dempsey	4/30/22
Richard Domenici	4/21/13
Wayne Dorn	3/7/22
Joseph Frankina II	7/20/23
Kenneth J. Goyeau	5/21/04
Alex Guiang	2/7/25
Charles Hogate	2/22/05
Richard Infantino	9/26/07
Thomas C. Lancaster	2/21/22



*** Deceased during past 12 months**

Leroy (Bud) Larson	3/12/02
Marv Lewis	7/3/23
Robert W. Livingston	11/3/14
John Marks	6/20/21
Lyle Meacham	10/14/16
John Melani	3/30/24
Rev. Paul Mensah	8/2/21
Frank O'Donnell	11/12/16
Edward M. Olsen	8/23/15
Rocco (Rocky) Palladino	12/25/94
Charles Pori	9/4/15
Nick Scianna	9/20/22
Robert Smearden	6/3/14
Carrol (Bill) Spencer	9/1/10
Harry Lee Stanley	11/28/10
Mark R. Williams	11/7/22

St. Ignatius of Loyola Council Key dates and Service Program Events

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Installation of Officers --- TBA Business Meeting - 7/2 Independence Day - 7/3-4 Offices closed Parish COR gathering - 7/4 Pancake Breakfast - 7/5 Rosary - 7/15 4TH DEGREE CEREMONY- 7/18 Parish COR gathering - 7/18 Parish Picnic - 7/26 Revs v Sems games - 7/26 Officer's Meeting - 7/30	Pancake Breakfast - 8/2 Business Meeting - 8/6 Parish COR gathering - 8/8 Rosary - 8/19 Parish COR gathering - 8/22 Officer's Meeting - 8/27	Business Meeting - 9/3 Pancake Breakfast - 9/6 Labor Day - 9/7 Offices closed Parish COR gathering - 9/12 FESTIVAL SET UP 9/12; 8:00a.m. Rosary - 9/16 FESTIVAL - 9/18 - 9/20 Officer's Meeting - 9/24 Parish COR gathering - 9/26
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Business Meeting - 10/1 Pancake Breakfast - 10/4 Parish COR gathering - 10/10 Columbus Day - 10/12 Offices closed Rosary - 10/21 Parish COR gathering - 10/24 Officer's Meeting - 10/29	Pancake Breakfast - 11/1 Business Meeting - 11/5 Parish COR gathering - 11/7 Veterans Day - 10/11 Offices closed Rosary - 11/18 Officer's Meeting - 11/19 CHANGED Parish COR gathering - 11/21 Thanksgiving- Offices closed 11/26 & 27	Business Meeting - 12/3 Parish COR gathering - 12/5 Pancake Breakfast - 12/6 Christmas Party - 12/12, 6 p.m. Rosary - 12/16 Parish COR gathering - 12/19 Officer's Meeting - CANCELLED Christmas/New Years - Offices closed 12/24/26 to 1/1/27