



The Knight Line

*St. Ignatius of Loyola Council 12853, Division #4
Holy Family Parish, 4848 Pearl Ave., San Jose, CA 95136*

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Grand Knight's Corner



Brother Knights,

We are at the closing month of another Columbian year and we can all be proud of the work our Council has done for our parish, our Catholic Church and our local community. It was an exciting year as the Council reached its 25th anniversary and a lot of the Councilmembers also reached their 25 years as Knights.

I am very grateful for the work of all the men in our Council who volunteered their time to be part of the success of the efforts we have done this Columbian year. I am also glad we were able to support the San Jose Knights Chapter in some of their programs and support our Worthy Financial Secretary Toby while he was Chapter President.

I will be submitting our Council's nomination for the Columbian award in a few weeks. Councils receive the Columbian award when they do 16 programs in the four areas that the Knights of Columbus emphasizes - Faith, Family, Community and Life.

Our Council had 5 new members this year, a great number for us although still short of our 8 member goal. We may be getting another new member soon. Thank you for supporting me as Grand Knight this year; it has been fun to do it again, this time without any COVID restrictions.

I want to give a big thank you to our chaplain, Fr. John, who has left the parish due to health reasons. Fr. John was a great chaplain for the Council, especially for the monthly adoration the Council did on 3rd Wednesdays. He was always ready to help out when he could with exemplifications and monthly meetings. We all wish him well, and that he can get his health back and be the priest we know he can be. God bless, Fr. John, we will miss you. We sent Fr. John a get well card a few weeks ago.

A new parochial vicar is coming in July and no doubt he will be our new chaplain (Fr. Dat is already a Knight so he will transition in very easy).

Vivat Jesus,

**Eric Bateman, Grand Knight
St. Ignatius of Loyola Council 12853**

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 June, first on Saturday, June 6th. The topic will be Eucharistic Adoration. The other meeting is on Saturday, June 20th. The topic will be Saint Joseph. We commonly watch a short video from the Knights of Columbus "Into the Breach" series. Both meetings start at 9 a.m. Donuts and Keurig coffee are provided. These gatherings are only 1 hour long and are designed for all men in the parish, so feel free to bring someone along.

Come to the June Fourth Business Meeting to select our leaders for Columbian Year 2026-2027

Here are the nominees from our May meeting for consideration at our election. At the meeting on June 4th, we will entertain additional nominations and see if any of those named below have opted out of the position to which they were nominated. Then we will elect a slate of officers to serve us from July 2026 to June 2027.

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

AID & SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY (ASAP)



Grand Knight Eric Bateman presents \$613 raised for the Guadalupe Hope Society at their event at Our Lady of Peace (L-R: Cynthia Kurtz from GHS, Fr. Mike Carson Pro Life liaison for the Diocese, & Eric)

Patriotic Degree Exemplification (formerly the Fourth Degree)

The **Exemplification of the Patriotic Order** scheduled for May 23 at St. Cabrini Parish in San Jose **was postponed** until, probably, July this year. All Third Degree Knights are eligible and encouraged to move up to the Patriotic Order of the Knights. We will keep all members updated on the next event so we can attend with other members and families, as the ceremonies are finally open to the public.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

At our May Business meeting **Frank Vasquez** was recognized as April's Knight of the Month. Brother Frank served at the April 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.



Grand Knight Eric Bateman presents Knight of the Month to Frank Vasquez

KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH

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
May	David Smearden

Knight of the Year 2024-2025
Elias David Gomez

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Also at the May meeting, **David & Leslie Smearden** were recognized as April's Family of the Month. Brother David served as the Assistant Head Chef for the Men's Cursillo last month, bringing the love of Jesus to many men. He and Leslie both serve as Eucharistic Ministers on Sundays while Leslie also serves at the Holy Family School monthly masses. Leslie is a teacher at Holy Family Education Center,



Knight Eric Bateman presents the Family of the Month recognition to the Smearden Family

FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

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
May	David & Michelle Troutman

Family of the Year 2024 - 2025
George & Delana Romero

June Birthdays



John Lourdusamy	6/1
Terence Buckley	6/2
James Harris	6/3
Ghebreab Gehal	6/10
Gary Herbst	6/14
Don Lucas	6/14
David Paul	6/15
David Troutman	6/19
Michael Di Santo	6/20
John Hesler	6/28
Gary Miskimon	6/28
Len Piazzon	6/28

KNIGHT'S ROSARY & HOLY HOUR



Our next parish Rosary & Adoration date is June 17th. 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.

Second Collections & Post-Mass Snacks in June

June 7th - Building & Grounds

June 14th - 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 21st.

Chicken Pho on June 28th after all masses

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Sat, June 6th - Knights & parishioners can attend the Parish men's Cor gathering at 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Hall. Invite a friend from your ministry group. We focus on prayer, faith and Christ-centered living.

Sun. June 7th - Pancake breakfast, 7 am to 12 pm in Community Center. Ease into being a volunteer by helping set up before the 9:30 mass OR by helping tear down & clean up after your breakfast following 9:30 mass

Wed. June 17th - 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, June 20th - Knights & parishioners should 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.

Membership as of May 2026

Associates:	104
Insurance:	40
Inactive:	2
Total:	146

Honorary:	2
Honorary Life:	26
Exempt	1

(Clergy: 9
They are Honorary Life members also)



IN JUNE, WE CELEBRATE THE
U.S. ARMY



**HAPPY 251st
BIRTHDAY!**

Yes, one year older than the USA

The Continental Army was founded to fight and win the Revolutionary War. From its formation in 1775, the **U.S. Army** has been the largest of the now six armed service branches. In 1947, the Army Air Corps was separated and became the US Air Force (Keeping the Army Air Corps song of course!).

In the Revolutionary War the colonies had no army but **relied on militias of part-time civilian-soldiers** (whose right to keep arms would be integrated into the Constitution 14 years later). The first regiment of Regular Army infantry, the 3rd Infantry, formed in June 1784. There was only one regiment guarding the western frontier and one artillery battery guarding West Point's arsenal.

Between 1815 and 1860, the main roles of the Army were "control of Indians" in the West, and manning coastal artillery at major ports. Regular and volunteer units fought Mexico in 1846–48. In WWII the "Army of the United States" grew to 11.2 million of the 16 million combined military forces. By 2026 active Army personnel authorizations had decreased to 454,000, the lowest since 227,000 in 1940.



ARE YOUR LOVED ONES REGISTERED FOR THE SELECTIVE SERVICE DRAFT?

Or are your sons, grandsons, nephews, et al who are between 18-25 registered??? Almost all male U.S. citizens and male immigrants living in the U.S. must register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday (ages 18 -25). Registration is mandatory for and generally includes those with or without social security numbers, legal permanent residents, and undocumented immigrants.

Who Must Register

- **Citizens & Residents:** Male U.S. citizens (including dual nationals) and male immigrants (permanent residents, undocumented, refugees, asylum seekers) residing in the US.
- **Citizens Abroad:** U.S. citizens living outside the U.S..
- **An FY 2026 Act of Congress mandates the Selective Service transition to automatic registration by December 2026 using federal data sources.**
- **Consequences of Non-Registration:** Failing to register is a felony. It can lead to ineligibility for federal student aid, federal job training, federal jobs, and can hinder U.S. citizenship for immigrants.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS ON THESE DAYS

**Seminarians with Council financial support this year*

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

Write to: [Name of Seminarian]

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Pray for all considering their calling for vocations

SEMINARY PROPAEDEUTIC YEAR

(At Mount Angel Seminary)

Lorenzo Caruso

Preston Venenciano

June Notable Days and Birthdays

June 14, 1775: First U.S. Military service, the Continental Army of six companies of riflemen, was established by the Continental Congress. The next day, George Washington was appointed by unanimous vote as commander.

June 4, 1944: Rome liberated by U.S. 5th Army. German Field Marshal Albert Kesselring had declared Rome an open city as in response to Allied concerns Germans might stage a Stalingrad-style defense that would devastate the 'Eternal' city..

June 6, 1944: - D-Day, the largest amphibious landing in history, began as Allied forces landed in Normandy. Operation Overlord involved 1,527,000 soldiers in 47 Allied divisions along with 4,400 ships and landing craft, and 11,000 aircraft.

June 14, 1951: Univac 1, the world's first commercial electronic computer was unveiled in Philadelphia, installed at the Census Bureau and utilizing a magnetic tape unit as a buffer memory.

June 11, 1994: Soviet military occupation of East Germany ended. 337,800 Soviet troops had been stationed in Germany and over 300,000 Russians died in the Battle for Berlin.

June Birthdays: Presidents George Bush and Donald J. Trump. Others: Marilyn Monroe, Hattie McDaniel. Vince Lombardi, Prince William (William Arthur Philip Louis), Mel Brooks, Kathy Bates, and Tommie Smith.

Papal Birthdays: Popes Pius X, Leo XI, Paul IV, Leo IX

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITY? **BREAKFAST!**

On the first Sunday each month (That's June 7th this month!) help your brother Knights set up chairs & tables and coffee service before the 8 am mass; OR help sell tickets - then enjoy your breakfast; come around 10:30 and sell tickets - then enjoy breakfast yourself; or help remove trash & reset tables to button up the Breakfast Day!!

FREE PRESS IN DEMOCRACIES?

"It is the press, above all, which wages a positively fanatical and slanderous struggle, tearing down everything which can be regarded as a support of national independence, cultural elevation, and the economic independence of the nation."
Adolf Hitler, Mein Kampf

"A free press can, of course, be good or bad, but, most certainly without freedom, the press will never be anything but bad."
Albert Camus

"A free press is one where it's ok to state the conclusion you're led to by the evidence." *Bill Moyers*

"Freedom of the Press, if it means anything at all, means the freedom to criticize and oppose" *George Orwell*

"As a conservative who believes in limited government, I believe the only check on government power in real time is a free and independent press. A free press ensures the flow of information to the public, and let me say, during a time when the role of government in our lives and in our enterprises seems to grow every day--both at home and abroad - ensuring the vitality of a free and independent press is more important than ever." *Mike Pence*

LEARN OUR STATES' MOTTOS

Kansas: Deo gratiam Habemus (*Let us be grateful to God*)

New Mexico: Crescit eundo (*It grows as it goes*)

Louisiana: Union, justice, confidence

New York: Excelsior (*Ever upward*)

Maine: Dirigo (*I lead*)

North Carolina: Esse quam videri (*To be, rather than to seem*)

Maryland: Fatti maschi, parole femine (*Strong deeds, gentle words*)

North Dakota: Seri tut alteri saeclo prosit (*One sows for the benefit of another age*)

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June

For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth

SAVE THE DATES:

School Graduation
June 5th

COR MEETINGS
June 6 & 20

Rosary/Adoration
June 17 -- 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Juneteenth – June 19
(Offices Closed)

Upcoming Events

Thursday, June 4
Business Meeting
7:00 – 8:00 pm, Youth Hall

Saturday, June 6
Cor Gathering for Men
9:00 am, Youth Hall & Chapel

Sunday, June 7
Parish Breakfast
After 8:00 and 9:30- Masses

Wednesday, June 17
Rosary/Adoration
7–8:00 pm, Church

Saturday, June 20
Cor Gathering for Men
9:00 am, Charity Conf. Room

Thursday, June 25
Officer's Meeting
Charity Conference Room

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

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

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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

Membership:

Ask Catholic friends or family members to join your Council. Friends and families are invited to attend and celebrate the Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity as well as the Patriotic Order. Knights should consider suggesting to their wives that Columbiettes may be a new source of comfort and service in their Catholic lives.

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

JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Business Meeting - 6/4 Election of 2026-27 Officers Parish COR gathering - 6/6 Pancake Breakfast - 6/7 Rosary - 6/17 Juneteenth - 6/19 Fed Holiday Offices closed Parish COR gathering - 6/20 Father's Day - 6/21 Officer's Meeting - 6/25	Installation of 2026-27 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 Parish COR gathering - 7/18 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
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Business Meeting - 9/3 Pancake Breakfast - 9/6 Labor Day - 9/7 Offices closed Parish COR gathering - 9/12 Rosary - 9/16 Officer's Meeting - 9/24 Parish COR gathering - 9/26	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 10/26 & 27

Knights Columbian award programs completed by St. Ignatius of Loyola Council in the 2025/2026 Columbian Year

Faith: We strive to form ourselves and our families in faith — a faith that overflows into works of charity and evangelization in our wider communities.

1. RSVP - scholarships given to six seminarians in October
2. Rosary – monthly rosary in church
3. Holy Hour – adoration with rosary monthly in the church
4. Sacramental gifts - arranged gifts for children getting sacraments

Family: Blessed Michael McGivney, apostle of Christian family life, founded the Knights of Columbus to strengthen Catholic men and their families. We carry on his mission to protect and embolden families as they live out their vocations.

1. Family of the Month – Recognizing families with our monthly awards
2. Food for Families - Collecting food for our Saint Vincent de Paul Conference
3. Keep Christ in Christmas – annual poster contest
4. Keep Christ in Christmas – Advent giveaway, raffle religious items

Community: Called to serve all who are in need, our councils' impact extends into our broader communities and around the world.

1. Coat for Kids - purchasing two boxes of Coats for kids to give to local shelter
2. Coat drive – collecting over 3,000 coats for local shelters, 366 this year
3. VA lunch - Purchase, prepare and give out lunch to Veterans at VA hospital
4. Preparation and give away Roses for moms on Mother's Day

Life: From vulnerable mothers and the babies in our communities, to our fellow parishioners with special needs, we stand for the dignity of all human life.

1. Diocesan Layette– collect baby items for diocese to give to those in need
2. ASAP (Aid & Support After Pregnancy) collection for Guadalupe Hope Society
3. Walk for Life San Francisco – Council members walk in San Francisco
4. Chapter Mass of Reparation – members attending and processing in with banner