



The Knight Line

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Grand Knight's Corner



Worthy Brothers,

I am a quiet guy and don't talk much, so many of you may not know my background. I was born in Long Island, NY to two 2nd generation New Yorkers who were born in New York City but moved to the Island before they got married. I lived on Long Island until I was 8 when my parents bought a general store in a very small upstate NY town called Richmondville (a little bit east of Cooperstown where the Baseball Hall of Fame is). This was a rural dairy farming town with no Catholic church so we went to the nearby towns for Church every Sunday.

Eventually the harsh winters in upstate NY became too much for my mom and her friend kept telling her about Phoenix, so dad got a job there and we moved in the summer after my 8th grade. I lived there through high school and college and was hired by IBM (my college job) to work in San Jose.

Speaking of family, I want to share an amazing story. my receiving a Knights of Columbus ring from my father recently. When I shared with my parents that I was in line to become the Grand Knight of our Council, my dad

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Grand Knight's Corner (Cont'd)

told me for the first time that his dad, my grandfather John Bateman, was a Knight of Columbus and that he had a Knights of Columbus ring. I never knew he was in the Knights as I don't know much about my grandfather who died when I was 9. My dad said he would give me the ring so I can have it for my Grand Knight year and it is a beautiful ring (see below) and in great shape. I asked if he knew what Council my grandfather was in but he didn't; all he knew was my grandfather's Brooklyn parish didn't have a Council so he had to go to downtown Brooklyn for the Knights.

I'm now using the internet and Facebook to try to find his council - he was probably a Knight in the 1950s - 1960s. A lesson this suggests is to involve your family with all that you do with the Knights so that they can share with their children about your involvement and hopefully your children and grandchildren may become Knights/Columbiettes.

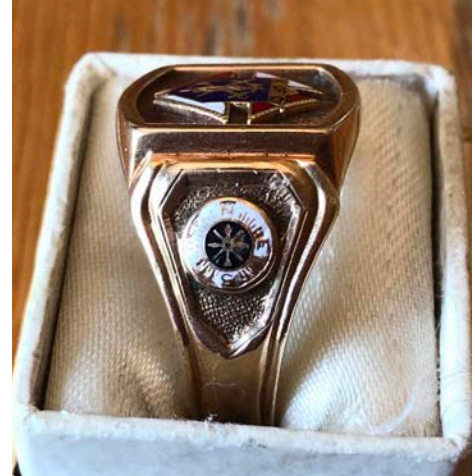
One of my biggest hobbies is reading about history, especially US and Catholic history, so getting a library book on American church history recently was exciting. This book ("The Faithful") tells the story of American Catholics through the eyes of the Laity, an interesting twist. The first chapter had a lesson still relevant today, noting that before 1830, most rural Catholics only went to Mass monthly or less as no priest was available. They attended prayer services, usually using a book with the weekly readings. Very similar to our situation being physically away from Mass for months. We can take this lesson from our ancestors and live our faith even when Mass is not readily available or safe. We can have prayer services at home or thru Zoom (monthly rosaries?)

A request I have for each of you to email every Catholic that you know and tell them about the Knight's article in the July 26th bulletin. (Access the Bulletin on the "My Parish" app or the link at the bottom). Hopefully, they will read it & spark their interest in joining the Knights/Columbiettes or encourage their family members to do so. The Knights are active during this pandemic, which includes actively offering folks the chance to join.

One last thing: we still would love more volunteers to help out with traffic control and pop up tent setup at the weekend services, so please let David Gomez or I know if you are interested.

Vivat Jesus!

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



HOLY FAMILY BULLETIN KNIGHT'S ARTICLE LINK:

<https://www.holyfamilysanjose.org/bulletins>

Chaplain's Message



Heaven's Door is Open

By tradition, Filipino priests staying at the Collegio Filipino in Rome and taking their advance ecclesiastical studies go for summer pastoral work in the United States. I first came to the land of the free & the home of the brave in the summer of 1997. I served at Sacred Heart Parish in Rochelle Park, NJ and while working in the parish that summer, I was invited to do a funeral vigil service. The service went smoothly but before I left the son of the deceased approached me and said, "Father, you should not be saying that (*my gospel reflection*) because my children believed that their grandma is now in heaven." I did not argue anymore and left saying 'I am praying for your mom'.

Many Catholics believe that when people die, they will go straight to heaven. This is not a good idea, as I believed only martyrs go straight to heaven. They already paid the *temporal punishment* due to sins or *the consequence of sin* by the sacrifices they offered and gave up their life for love of God. "Martyrdom is the supreme witness given to the truth of the faith; it means bearing witness even unto death. A martyr bears witness to Christ who died and rose, to whom he is united in charity, CCC 2473."

Jesus died on the cross for the forgiveness of sin. But it is not enough to be forgiven as people also need to fix the damage of the consequence of their sin to be worthy in the eyes of God. Anyone whose life on earth was indeed righteous and dies will still pass through Purgatory for purification of their sins. One is unworthy to behold the *beatific vision*, seeing face to face Jesus, the Son of God, unless all sins committed on earth are remitted.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church 1030 teaches; "All who die in God's grace and friendship but still imperfectly purified are indeed assured of their eternal salvation, but after death they undergo purification so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." As a result; indulgences, prayers & novenas for the dead and offering of the Holy Mass for the deceased are available for use by the living so God will finally grant His mercy. Once sins are fully paid, heaven's door is open.

Two things are needed to facilitate our way to heaven. Faith in God is one but not enough. Faith must be accompanied by works to be productive. Faith without works is dead. (James 2:26) Anyone can cry Lord, Lord and pray to God because they believe but **resent** ?????? to Him and desire another. Living faith must be articulated in action intended for God and for others.

There is an even greater virtue than faith which is love. Love that desires the good of the beloved not its own good. Seeking one's needs is selfishness while looking for the other's benefit is enduring. Reaching out to God in love is a better choice. It will erase all bitterness in the heart towards the Lord. It enables one to obey Him, which brings peace and joy in life. This is what the Lord promises and ultimately leads to eternal life in paradise.

Fr. Celso Singson
Chaplain

Pope Francis' August Prayer Intention:

The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them, sailors, fishermen and their families.

OUR COLUMBIETTES



Permanent Protection for Today and Tomorrow

Brother Knights, suggest to your wives or significant women in your lives that they consider joining our Columbiettes. They were formed through the efforts of Monsignor J. Francis McIntyre, Chaplain of the New York Knights' Chapter (later Cardinal McIntyre of LA) who conceived a ladies organization working with the Knights. In 1939 the Columbiettes were instituted and through the integrity, strength and scope of these women's activities the Columbiettes have become a recognized group of women working with the Knights of Columbus.

Their Emblem:

The **BLUE CIRCLE** represents the World.

The **WHITE CROSS** represents Christ's love for us – by His Crucifixion He redeemed the World.

The **RAYS** represent our zeal to serve God through the Mediums of Faith, Hope and Charity symbolized by the **THREE WHITE STARS**.

Their Patronesses:

Blessed Virgin Mary – Let us be ever mindful of the responsibility which is ours, by emulating her in her purity, and by imitating her as a Mother, for we, as Catholics know, that she is the foundation of all true motherhood.

Saint Theresa, the Little Flower – In her great zeal to serve Almighty God, she welcomed any opportunity to make sacrifices.

St. Joan of Arc – She was always ready to give her aid unselfishly to those who defended a righteous cause.

The Knights Advantage Series – Protector No Lapse Guarantee Universal Life Insurance policy provides a permanent solution for those who require a lifetime of protection. The Lapse Protection Rider guarantees that the contract will remain in force if the Minimum Monthly Premium is paid on a timely basis. Missed premium payments or policy loans may impact the no lapse guarantee.

This policy can help provide your family with future financial security. No Lapse Guarantee Universal Life Insurance coverage is an affordable type of permanent insurance and lets you create a plan to meet your budget. It provides:

- Death Benefit Protection – to help your loved ones be better protected after your passing.
- Security for Today & a Legacy for Tomorrow – the death benefit can pass directly to your beneficiaries free from federal taxes.
- A Terminal Illness Accelerated Death Benefit Rider will be added at no additional cost.
- Family Protection that can be customized – to meet your budget and death benefit needs.
- Guaranteed Lifetime Coverage – this policy contract provides you with level premium payment options.

Call or e-mail me today to make your online appointment.

Vivat Jesus!

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WE WISH A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MILITARY SERVICES



IN AUGUST, IT IS THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

The U. S. Coast Guard is simultaneously and at all times a military force and federal law enforcement agency dedicated to maritime safety, security, and stewardship missions. They save lives, protect the environment, defend the homeland and enforce Federal laws on the high seas, the nation's coastal waters and its inland waterways.

The Coast Guard began on 4 August 1790 when President Washington authorized construction of 10 vessels to enforce tariff and trade laws and prevent smuggling. Known 1800 & early 1900's as the "revenue cutters," the "system of cutters," the "Revenue Marine" and finally the "Revenue Cutter Service", it expanded in size and responsibilities as the nation grew.

Its present name was set in 1915 as Congress merged the Revenue Cutter Service & the Life-Saving Service. The latter consisted of stations around our coastlines manned by crews to save those in peril on the sea. The legislation creating this "new" Coast Guard expressly stated that it "shall constitute a part of the military forces of the United States," codifying its history of defending the country alongside the other armed services. The Coast Guard began maintaining the country's aids to maritime navigation, including lighthouses, when President Roosevelt transferred the Lighthouse Service to the Coast Guard in 1939. In 1946 Congress transferred the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation to the Coast Guard, placing

merchant marine licensing and vessel safety under its purview. The nation now had a single federal maritime agency dedicated to saving life at sea and enforcing the maritime laws.

The Coast Guard is one of the oldest US organizations and, until Congress **later** established the Navy Department (1798), it served as the nation's only armed force afloat. In peacetime it operates under Homeland Security. In war, or at the direction of the President, the Coast Guard serves as part of the Navy.

The **Coast Guard Academy** is the service academy of the Coast Guard, located in New London, CT. It's the smallest of the five service academies, providing education to future Coast Guard officers. Unlike the other academies, the Coast Guard doesn't require congressional nominations for admission.

Cadets must memorize its mission statement: *The mission of the United States Coast Guard Academy is to graduate young men and women with sound bodies, stout hearts and alert minds, with a liking for the sea and its lore, and with that high sense of Honor, Loyalty and Obedience which goes with trained initiative and leadership; well-grounded in seamanship, the sciences and the amenities, and strong in the resolve to be worthy of the traditions of commissioned officers in the United States Coast Guard, in the service of their country and humanity*



The Academy received this barque, *Horst Wessel*, as a war reparation in 1946 from Germany. It was renamed as the USCG Cutter Eagle and remains the main training vessel for cadets!

Am I Card Carrying Citizen of the USA?

(Borrowed by permission from the Portola Assembly newsletter)

Since our 2020 General Election is in only 94 days, make sure you are a 'card carrying' citizen before you vote!!)

The question most of us aren't ever asked? "Show me your papers" – i.e., proof of US citizenship. Right? Do you have yours with you right now? If police ask for yours can you produce it, without going home or to a safe deposit box?

In 2015 there were 47 million immigrants in the USA: 14.4% of our population. We routinely prohibited immigrants in our history; Chinese in the 1880's once the railroads were done, Eastern Europeans in the 1920's, other Asian countries after 1917, when we also banned homosexuals and those with intellectual disabilities. In 1924 we restricted Southern and Eastern Europe, especially Jews, Italians, and Slavs.

60% of immigrants in 1970 were European; only 15% by 2000. Pres. Bush increased immigration by 40% in 1990 and in 1991 signed the Armed Forces Immigration Adjustment Act, so foreigners serving 12 or more years in our Armed Forces might qualify for residency and, in some cases, citizenship. Since 2012 ICE has apprehended and released 1,488 citizens. About one-fifth of those in custody claiming citizenship turned out to be accurate. Mistaken arrests usually came from "incomplete government records, bad data, and lax investigations". Citizens have been held from several days to almost 3 ½ years before being released.

What ARE "Your Papers"? Legal documents you must present to ICE or police: Passport/passport card, or birth certificate (certified), naturalization certificate, or certification of citizenship. NOT your driver's license, AMEX Platinum card, military ID, voter or auto registration. You do carry one of those four legal documents with you everywhere you go, right?

**Have you considered
joining the Knights?
Talk to David Gomez @
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Card Carrying Quiz:

Since most of us are citizens or born of naturalized citizens, we also know more about our own country, right? Here's a sampler from the 100 questions from which immigrants must get 6 of 10 correct to continue processing. (Answers available later in this newsletter)

- 1) What is one right from the First Amendment?
- 2) How many amendments does the Constitution have?
- 3) What is the economic system in the United States?
- 4) Who is one of your State's Senators today?
- 5) How many voting members in the House of Representatives?
- 6) If the President and Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
- 7) There are four amendments to the Constitution about who can vote. Describe one of them.
- 8) When must all men register for the Selective Service?
- 9) Name one U.S. territory.
- 10) Which of the following was not one of the original 13 states: Georgia, New Hampshire, Vermont, South Carolina?

BONUS QUESTION? Can immigrants register for the Draft?

Birthdays in August



Alex Guiang	8/5
Fr. Andrew C. Nguyen	8/5
Victor Carmona	8/6
Jose Renteria	8/6
Andrew Brown	8/6
David Verdugo	8/11
Michael Chambers	8/15
Oliver Eke	8/23
Jeffrey Knight	8/25
Stephen Pehanich	8/26
David Gomez	8/29

Upcoming Events

**ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO COVID-19
CHANGES**

Sunday, August 2

Pancake Breakfast Cancelled

7:30-11 am Community Center

Thursday, August 6

Business Meeting VIRTUAL

7 pm - 8:

Thursday, August 12 - 7:00 pm

Dcn. Ray Gans:

"Reflections on Pope Francis' The Joy of the Gospel"

VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, August 18

Columbiettes' Board Meeting

6:30 pm Hope Room

Tuesday, August 25

Portola Assembly Meeting VIRTUAL

Thursday, August 27

Columbiettes' Business Meeting - VIRTUAL

6:30 pm Community Center

Thursday, August 27

Officer's Meeting VIRTUAL

7:00 pm Hope Conference Room

Thursday, September 3

Business Meeting VIRTUAL

7 pm - 8:00

Sunday, September 6

Pancake Breakfast TBD

7:30-11 am Community Center

PRAY DAILY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS

Seminarians are in their summer hiatus from the Seminary and are assigned to parishes, missions, pastoral years and activities set forth for their continued spiritual growth.

August 1	Rev.Mr. Joseph Tran, Pastoral Year
August 2	Rev. Andrew Vu Nguyen
August 3	Mr. Tony Famave, Theology 3 *
August 4	Rev. Mr. Robain Lamba, Theology 4
August 5	Rev.Mr. Angelbert Chikere, Theology 4
August 6	Mr. Manuel Barrios, Theology 2 *
August 7	Mr. Joseph Nguyen, Theology 2 *
August 8	Mr. Robert Lamorena, Pre-Theology 2*
August 9	Rev. Celso Singson
August 10	Mr. Ryan Mau, Pre-Theology 2
August 11	Mr. Duy Nguyen, Pre-Theology 2
August 12	Mr. Thanh Ho, Pre-Theology 1 *
August 13	Rev.Mr. Joseph Tran, Pastoral Year
August 14	Mr. Tony Famave, Theology 3 *
August 15	Rev.Mr. Robain Lamba, Theology 4
August 16	Most Rev. Oscar Cantú, S.T.D
August 17	Rev.Mr. Angelbert Chikere, Theology 4
August 18	Mr. Manuel Barrios, Theology 2 *
August 19	Mr. Joseph Nguyen, Theology 2 *
August 20	Mr. Robert Lamorena, Pre-Theology 2*
August 21	Mr. Ryan Mau, Pre-Theology 2
August 22	Mr. Duy Nguyen, Pre-Theology 2
August 23	Rev. Ritche Bueza, Vocations Director
August 24	Mr. Robert Lamorena, Pre-Theology 2
August 25	Mr. Ryan Mau, Pre-Theology 2
August 26	Mr. Duy Nguyen, Pre-Theology 2
August 27	Mr. Thanh Ho, Pre-Theology 1 *
August 28	Rev.Mr. Joseph Tran, Pastoral Year
August 29	Mr. Tony Famave, Theology 3 *
August 30	Deacon Ray Gans
August 31	Rev. Mr. Robain Lamba, Theology 4

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW STATE LEADERS!

**These are the men who lead California's 710
Councils & 79,000 members:**

State Deputy - Stephen Bolton
State Secretary - Dr. Noel Panlilio
State Treasurer - Rene Trevino
State Advocate - Greg Marracq
State Warden - James Larson

Second Collections in August:

August 2nd - Building & Grounds
August 9th - Community Center/Youth Hall
August 16th - Church in Africa
August 23rd - Missionary Co-op
August 30th - St. Vincent de Paul

Membership Director – Jovie Palteng:

Talk to your friends & new neighbors at events you attend, or the few times you choose to actually 'eat out' or even invite them to 'attend' one of the weekly/daily online masses with you!

I challenge all Knights to ask just one Catholic gentleman to join our council each month. If all 100 members just asked one man, the odds are good that at least one of them would say yes each month. The Grand Knight has a front page article in the July 26th Holy Family Parish bulletin that tells what we have done during the Covid-19 pandemic so far and how becoming a member has become a lot easier, so point any prospective Knight member to that article for them to read.

Program Director - DGK David Gomez:

Our business meetings are on the 1st Thursdays, unless preempted by a major Church activity or Special Notice.

Blessings to all of you and your families. Just a friendly reminder that we are still in need of Brother Knights to help out our Parish in conducting traffic on Saturdays 3:30-4:30 pm for Confessions. Could use several Knights on Sundays to help supervise Boy Scouts setting up canopies for Masses at 7:15 am and breaking them down at 6:45 pm. Perhaps you'd prefer to guide traffic for Drive-Thru Communion on Sundays 5:30-5:45?

Our thanks to Brothers Jeff Knight, Dave Brady, Coach Zoom, Jovie Palteng, Toby Laufer, Eugene Okafor, PGK Mark Williams and GK Eric Bateman for stepping up and volunteering with these Acts of Kindness. I encourage each of our Brothers to join Brother Deacon Ray Gans' 2nd in the series "Reflections On Pope Francis' The Joy of the Gospel" on August 12th at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

New on MyParishApp

There is now a "Mass Sign- Up" button on the "My Parish" app. It's on the top row to the right of the "Messages" button. Check it out! If you don't have this app, download it using your device download app. Look for "MyParish" at your Android or iPhone store. Just download for free and get started!

SAVE THESE DATES!

Holy Family's 41ST Annual Festival
September: Donate for online Auction??!!

Village House Sponsorship ????
September 30 – November 4th
Calendar & consider setting up Volunteer time if this happens!

August "Days" & Events:

- 1693 – Champagne invented by Dom Perignon.
- August 1, 1789 – First US Census completed, 4 million people in the USA.
- August 7 – Purple Heart Day
- August 9, 1974 – Richard M. Nixon resigned from the presidency, the first (and so far the only) US President to resign from office
- August 12, 1898 - US annexes the independent Monarchy of Hawaii.
- August 28, 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" speech delivered at the March on Washington, D.C..
- August Birthdays include: Presidents Hoover, Johnson, Clinton, Obama. Also Lewis and Clark, Count Basie, Jerry Garcia, Mae West, Lucille Ball, and Neil Armstrong.



A Franciscan and Jesuit were debating which order was the greatest. So, they decided to ask for a sign from God. This is what they received falling down from heaven:

My sons,
Please stop bickering about such trivial matters,
GOD, O.P.

Have you considered joining
the Knights?

Talk to Eric Bateman @
Ericbateman@hotmail.com

----- **PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED MEMBERS** -----

Al Abrahamsohn 4/16/17
 Howard Davis 1/11/16
 Richard Domenici 4/21/13
 Kenneth J. Goyeau 5/21/04
 Charles Hogate 2/22/05
 Richard Infantino 9/26/07
 Leroy (Bud) Larson 3/12/02
 Robert W. Livingston 11/3/14



Lyle Meacham 10/14/16
 Frank O'Donnell 11/12/16
 Edward M. Olsen 8/23/15
 Rocco (Rocky) Palladino 12/25/94
 Charles Pori 9/4/15
 Robert Smearden 6/3/14
 Carrol (Bill) Spencer 9/1/10
 Harry Lee Stanley 11/28/10

Am I Card Carrying Citizen of the USA? THE ANSWERS:

1. Speech, freedom of/from religion, free press, free assembly, right to keep/bear arms, against unreasonable search/seizure of the person/house/papers & effects, right for public trial with witnesses, favorable witnesses compelled to appear, defense counsel,
2. 27: First 10 are called the "Bill of Rights"
3. Capitalist or Market economy. Businesses decide what to make, consumers decide what to buy and at what price.
4. Senator Diane Feinstein or Senator Kamala Harris
5. 435
6. Speaker of the House, Rep. Nancy Pelosi.
7. 15th Amendment permitted men to vote (including Blacks); 19th permitted women; 24th made poll taxes to vote illegal; 26th lowered voting age to 18.
8. Within 30 days of reaching age 18. Late registrations accepted through age 26.
9. Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, or Guam.
10. Vermont, formerly the Vermont Republic.

BONUS ANSWER: Immigrant men (documented/undocumented) living in the US **must** register. **It is the law.**

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

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Pancake Breakfast - 8/2 Cancelled Business Meeting - 8/6 VIRTUAL Family Social - 8/20 ?? VIRTUAL?? Officer's Meeting - 8/27 VIRTUAL	Business Meeting - 9/3 ???? Pancake Breakfast - 9/6 ???? Labor Day-9/7 Office Closed Festival - 9/18-20 CANCELLED Officer's Meeting - 9/27 Village House-9/30 to 11/4	Business Meeting - 10/14 Pancake Breakfast - 10/ Village House-9/30 to 11/4 Officer's Meeting - 9/27
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY 2021
Pancake Breakfast - 11/1 ELECTION DAY - 11/3 Business Meeting - 11/5 Dinner Italiano - 11/14 Boutique - 11/21-22 Village House-through 11/4 Officer's Meeting - 11/20 TBA	Business Meeting - 12/3 Pancake Breakfast - 12/6 Dinner Italiano - 12/14 Officer's Meeting - CANCELLED CHRISTMAS - OFFICE CLOSED 12/24/20 - 1/1/21	Pancake Breakfast - 1/3 Business Meeting - 1/7 Officer's Meeting - 1/28 NEW YEARS - OFFICE CLOSED 1/1/21

**Nominations for our Knight and Family of the Month
 for August, and recurring and suggested articles
 for September's Knight Line are due by August 25th**



St. Ignatius of Loyola Council

was led In Columbian Year 2019-2020 by

Grand Knight Mark Williams

... Here are a Few of the Things We Did Last Year:

2019 through 2020

First Sundays, we hosted **Pancake/French Toast/Sausage Breakfasts**. These events, chaired by Eugene Okafor and Hans Rechenmacher, are popular with all parishioners and we use these events to raise Seminarian Scholarship Funds and make families aware of the Knights and our programs.

Seminarian Scholarships: St. Ignatius of Loyola Council awarded RSVP (Refund Support Vocations Program) scholarships to all five seminarians at Mundelein Seminary. Since being chartered in 2001 we have provided 75 scholarships totaling over \$37,500 to our seminarians.

Tithing: The Council **tithed 10% its general fund-raising to the Parish** as an unrestricted tithing to support our priests and parish. We also donated over \$1,000 to the Paradise Fire Relief, Hurricane Relief, and to the Columbian Foundation for Knights in need. We joined with the Aptos Council to obtain a \$10,000 grant for Hope Services, Employment, Media and Community Connections program.

Rosaries:- The Council offered parishioners the opportunity to join in person and, later, online for the Rosary throughout the year, honoring Mary, praying for peace, unity, and health.

2019

July 15th : - **The 2018 Parish Family BBQ** was supported with Knights barbecuing, setting up the serving tables and assisting in the clean-up. We do so in support of our Pastor who asked for our help with our parish's Family Picnic.

Employment, Media and Community Connections

August - Margaret Mary J. Mangan Achievement Award was awarded by Columbiettes Supreme Council to our local Columbiettes. The Mangan Achievement Award began in 1993 to recognize the good works performed by Councils in a given year. Our Columbiettes have received this award every year since they were chartered - a significant record!

August 3rd : - **St. Vincent de Paul Backpack Drive** was supported with Knights conducting an internal drive among Brother Knights to add as a special donation to the parish effort.

September 14 - 16- The 40th Annual Festival was supported by Knights in setting up the Stage and Canopy, Booths, Power Distribution/Lighting, and Signage (and later the tear down) plus Knights, Columbiettes and family members volunteered in almost every booth. Knights and Columbiettes provided Silent Auction items for this parish fundraiser.

September 30: - **Young Adults Summer BBQ, Life Teen Kick-Off & the Festival Kick-Off Breakfast** were each supported with Knights barbecuing and serving Holy Family's Young Adult and Youth ministries as well as assisting in the kick-off for Festival volunteers.

October – People With Intellectual Difficulties – Parishioners, Knights and family members responded to Knight's efforts raising nearly \$1,100 for the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities. We presented checks to Hope Services and Special Olympics Northern California. The Columbiettes assisted the Knights in these efforts.

November – A “Coats for Kids” and a Coats for the Homeless Drive were hosted by the Council. More than 245 coats were donated, and four cartons (48 new coats) for children were purchased by the Council and delivered through Sacred Heart to those most in need in San Jose. In our 7 years of this effort Holy Family has donated over 1,800 coats, including the 312 kids' coats purchased by the Knights.

November/December – Village House. Our Council provided security and some volunteer staffing for the rotating women's shelter during their 6-week stay at Holy Family. Council and family members provided dinner for the ladies for one of the six weeks. Columbiettes funded the food purchases for sack lunches for the shelter.

November 10 – Sacred Heart Food Boxing - Council members volunteered to help Sacred Heart box food for those in need during the upcoming holiday seasons.

December – Keep Christ in Christmas. The Council sponsored a *Keep Christ in Christmas contest* for Holy Family students, with winners recognized at a school assembly.

December 14 – Vets Holiday Spirit Party– John Chargin led our Council's annual treats for the **Palo Alto VA Hospital** vets & family members, with generous support of our parishioners.

2020

January – March Essay & Free Throw Contests. The Council held the *Free Throw Competition* and the *Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest* for Holy Family & public school, and home-school students, with winners recognized at a school assembly & receiving cash awards and recognition in all these academic and sporting efforts.

January 26 - Walk for Life: Knights, family members and parishioners participated in the Walk for Life in San Francisco

July – Working with the Aptos Council, we sought and received a \$9,960 grant to purchase and install accessible/enhanced computer workstations for computer labs at all eight Employment, Media and Community Connections (EMCC) sites in their service area. These aid clients with developmental disabilities and who have auditory, visual, or mobility issues/disabilities, to more successfully access and use the lab computers.

March – June 2020: COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place services-The Council became more creative and advanced its technical support during this once-in-a-lifetime event.

- Knights contacted other members to see if Brother Knights were in need.
- Under Supreme's "No Neighbor Left Behind" effort we & Holy Family staff contacted parishioners who may need aid.
- Knights assisted in setting up canopies for outdoor Sunday & funeral masses.
- Knights delivered a replacement bed to a parishioner in need during the pandemic
- Knights, including Deacon Joseph Tran, provided technical and liturgical services supporting the online daily masses
- Knights and Columbiettes provided cash donations to offset a portion of the tithing income lost by the parish during the Shelter-in-Place orders

