



The Knight Line



Newsletter for St. Ignatius of Loyola Council
Holy Family Parish, 4848 Pearl Ave., San Jose, CA 95136

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Grand Knight's Corner



"April showers bring may Flowers"

I am sure you, like myself, have heard this phrase used often during your lifetime and especially during this time of year with the amount of rain we have experienced. In 1557 a gentleman by the name of Thomas Tusser compiled a collection of writings he called *A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry* [management and conservation of resources]. In the April Husbandry section he wrote: "Sweet April showers do spring May flowers". The rhyme actually started out as a short poem. But there may be more meaning attached to these words then we would normally think, especially during the celebration of Lent, the Passion of Christ and the Easter Season. The life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus that we commemorate during the Easter season have some distinct life parallels to the showers of April followed by the flowers of May. The thought that even the most unpleasant of things may bring about renewal, new birth, and beauty is a lesson in perseverance, sacrifice, and patience that is very relevant to our church, our society and our organization even today.

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Grand Knight's Corner (Cont'd)

As in farming, success in our endeavors, whether they are physical, mental or spiritual comes from regular, disciplined, daily efforts. Jesus expressed this same life principle in the Bible when He taught us *"A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the spirit will reap eternal life."* A farmer and a spiritual leader offer similar advice: no short cuts, no all-night cramming sessions, and no corners one can cut. If we want to increase our harvest, it is up to us to increase the quality and quantity of our charitable activities, our prayer life, and our efforts in the daily attention we pay to the garden plot of our works, our families, our parish, our organization and our community. Gets very personal, doesn't it? Depending on the other guy or relying on excuses just doesn't lead to a good harvest.

Recently I read an article by a speaker and author named Ben Kubassek called the *"7 Laws of Success I Learned on the Farm"*. I will paraphrase his comments.

Seven laws to determine if we harvest a bountiful crop or a crop of weeds:

1. You will harvest whatever you plant. Don't plant what you don't want to harvest. Planting works of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism in our church and community will provide us with a good harvest.

2. You will always plant before you pick. The same applies to any harvest. The planting of the seed must take place first. But we have a tendency to do just the opposite i.e., giving to charities and doing charitable works only after the garage is cleaned out or the mortgage is paid off, being a friend only after you become one first, being positive only if my situation improves first, improving my prayer life only if my past prayers are answered first. Planting only after one has harvested enough to satisfy their needs just doesn't work.

3. You perish before you prosper. The soil needs to be tilled and watered before the seed is planted. Faith plays a large part in the process. We simply plant the seeds of our deeds knowing that they may lay dormant but at the same time believing and having faith that new life will eventually sprout from our efforts.

4. You have to work at weeding. Unless we are continually sowing and cultivating the seeds of charity, love and unity the weeds of laziness, envy and hate will begin to grow.

5 and 6. Patience pays off and it is always rough before you reap. Don't give up. As the farmer plants the seed, he must continue investing time and money, cultivating and fertilizing. If we plant, pray and maintain,

quitting should not be an option. Our crop could be ready to burst through and be ready to harvest at any time

7. Perpetual Planting equals repeated harvesting. We cannot expect to harvest what we do not plant. Our efforts must be continuous in order for the harvest to be continuous.

April showers do bring Spring flowers into our lives, just as the Lent and Easter seasons are our personal time for weeding and renewing our efforts toward a good harvest. As a Knight, in our Knights of Columbus Council, it is always a good time to start preparing the soil and to start planting as we continue to harvest the rewards of our labors. So, what will you be planting today?

May the peace of our Lord be with you,

**Len Piazzon, Grand Knight
St. Ignatius of Loyola Council #12853**

WHEELCHAIR SUNDAY WHAT RESULTS!!

The Wheelchair Sunday sponsored by St. Ignatius of Loyola Council on April 18 and 19 resulted in our parishioners contributing over \$12,000 and the Council adding it's previous collections for a total of \$13,486.60 for the Global Wheelchair Mission. This is enough to purchase more than 90 wheelchairs. Each \$150 donation from the Knights allows the Global Wheelchair Mission. to deliver a brand new wheelchair that would cost over \$500 in a medical supply store.

**Who is a typical person benefiting from our wheelchair donations at Holy Family?
Angela is typical.**



***Farewell to our Chaplain - Fr. Edsil Ortiz,
and God Speed in his new assignment***



Fr. Andrew Vu Nguyen, Holy Family's Pastor, notified the parish of Bishop Patrick J. McGrath's appointment of Fr. Edsil Ortiz (our parochial vicar and Council Chaplain since July 2013) as the parochial vicar of St. Joseph of Cupertino, beginning July 1st. Bishop McGrath appointed Fr. Celso Singson, J.C.L as the new parochial vicar for Holy Family as of July 1st. Fr. Celso was ordained on November 10, 1990, in the Philippines and has served the faithful as a parochial vicar, rector and administrator, and pastor as well as judicial vicar for the Diocese of Mati in the Philippines.

Fr. Edsil's farewell Mass will be at 11:15 a.m., Sunday, June 11, which will be his final day at Holy Family. Brother Knights and Columbiettes, mark your calendars to attend on June 11th and join in expressing our gratitude to Fr. Edsil for his years of service to our Council and parish.

You need not wait for his farewell reception on June 11th - tell him now, mention it during your next reconciliation, your next parish meeting with him, or perhaps a simple parking lot or post-Mass encounter.

We are thankful for Fr. Edsil's time with Holy Family and the Knights. Everyone will remember how he gave "voice" to our mass, to every social event hosted by the Knights and every other parish community. His voice was a splendid addition to Simbang Gabi festivities, Fiesta Prima Vera dance tunes, New Year's Eve celebrations (and more), but particularly as he added a dimension of his personal spirituality during masses throughout the year. We will all miss him deeply.

*Gary Miskimon, PGK
Editor*



**ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION ABOUT
THE FOURTH DEGREE AND
OUR PORTOLA ASSEMBLY #49**

During April, the Color Corps of the Portola Assembly served at St. Victor's Church funeral service at for Sir Knight Manuel Esteban from the St. Joseph Assembly. On Divine Mercy Sunday, Portola Assembly's Color Corps also supported the Divine Mercy Procession at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish on Willow Street in San Jose.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

At our April Business meeting, the family of Bradley Vandehey was recognized as the **Family of the Month for March**. Bradley is a very active Brother Knight who, with his wife, Janine, is involved in a number of Holy Family ministries. Janine, mother of three, has selflessly organized activities each year for all of the Council's children who attend our Christmas Social. Bradley is now our Council's elected Recorder, but has served in many positions, notably he is also a Past Grand Knight.



**Bradley Vandehey
Family of the Month Recipient-
March**

OUR COLUMBIETTES



In our general meeting on April 27th, nominees for President, Vice President, Secretary and Sentinel were presented by our Nomination Team. The members currently holding these positions have run the course of their allowed terms. Additional nominations will also be allowed to be made from the floor. The majority of our membership is eligible to run for these Officer positions as a Major Degree Level is required. The election will be held at our general meeting this month – on May 25th.

During the month of May, the Columbiettes will be collecting clothing for The Grateful Garment Project. The Grateful Garment Project is proud to provide new clothing, food, grooming supplies and other vital resources to Sexual Assault Service Providers throughout the State of California. They partner with agencies on the frontline to maintain clothing closets in their facilities. In this way, resources are immediately available when a survivor of sexual violence needs a fresh change of clothes and the sense that people care. Needed items include new clothing items for women, men and children. Although the Columbiettes gather up and donate clothing items, there are many ways to give to this worthy organization. More information can be found at their website: www.gratefulgarment.org. Items can be brought to our May 25th general meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Hall or give them to your nearest Columbiette.

The Columbiettes, St Ignatius of Loyola Council #12853 (Our Council is located at Holy Family Parish) now proudly stands at 59 members! Six new members were installed on January 26th. We are happy to have these women join our group. On Saturday, January 28th, the Columbiettes joined with the Bishop O'Dowd Council #3474 in a "Major Degree" Installation. Ten members of our Council participated in this ceremony. Those completing the Major Degree are considered full-fledged participating members and are privileged to hold an office in the Order.

PARISH HISTORIES

This is the thirteenth in an intermittent series on the histories of the 54 parishes and missions of our Diocese. This month we drive only 11.1 miles northeast of Holy Family on Hwy 87 and I-680 to eastern San Jose where we find:

St. Brother Albert Chmielowski Polish Mission

Upon the creation of the Diocese of San Jose and its split from the Archdiocese of San Francisco, the Polish community served by St. Wojciech Polish Mission in San Francisco found itself in need of a new home. Therefore, the Society of Christ built the Saint Brother Albert Chmielowski Polish Mission from the foundations up.

In 1976, Archbishop McGucken of San Francisco established the Polish Mission of St. Adalbert to provide permanent ministry in the native language to those Poles living in the San Francisco Bay Area. The Mission's first priest was Fr. Wojciech Baryski, S.Chr., who was required to commute to San Jose. In 1981, his destination point in San Jose found itself within the new Diocese due to partitioning of the Archdiocese.

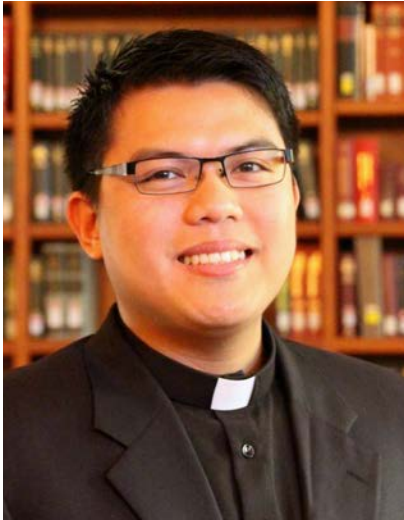
During the eighties, a considerable number of Polish immigrants settled in the area. The religious needs of this community required the creation of a separate pastoral mission and the construction of a church. In 1986, the Polish Pastoral Mission was legally founded in San Jose, although it continued to be served by a commuting priest. In 1990, after the dividing of the Mission in San Francisco by the provincial authorities, the San Jose Mission received its own resident priest in the person of Fr. Andrzej Maslejak, S.Chr. That same year, the Mission was dedicated to St. Albert Chmielowski. Thanks to the sacrifice and patience of both the mission members and their priest, the new church was formally consecrated in 1998.

St. Brother Albert Chmielowski Polish Mission

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Meet Our San Jose Diocese Seminarians!

For the 2016-17 Academic Year we introduce the seventh and eighth of our eleven seminarians of the Diocese who are studying at St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park. (stpsu.edu)



Neil (Francis) Kalaw

Deacon Khoa Vu is enrolled in Theology IV and has been ordained as a Transitional Deacon! Khoa's home parish is Our Lady of La Vang, in San Jose on 25th St, just east of City Hall. His birthday is on March 24th. When interviewed he listed his favorite saint as St. Joseph, while his favorite hobby is fishing.

Please pray for Khoa's final year at St. Patrick's to be filled with graces and include his prayer requests in your daily prayers. Read up on his "Favorite Saint" to see what characteristics might apply to your life today.

Why do I want to be a priest? A "deep love for Jesus Christ."

Khoa's prayer request? "For Courage and Wisdom."

Catholic Trivia: What gesture should the faithful make just before receiving Communion? a. bow one's head b. genuflect c. sign of the cross
Find the answer somewhere in the Newsletter.



Wilberto (Eric) Piczon

Eric is enrolled in Theology II. Eric's home parish is Our Lady of Peace on Mission College Blvd. in west San Jose near Great America. He finished his bachelor's degree with a major in computer science in the Philippines. Eric worked for different companies and before he entered the seminary he was worked for Sprint for 8 years as a salesperson and a technician.. His birthday is on June 6th. When interviewed he listed his favorite saints as St. John Paul the Great and St. Thomas Aquinas, while his favorite hobby is basketball, especially the LA Lakers.

Please pray for Eric coming year at Mundelien Seminary that he will be filled with graces and include his prayer requests in your daily prayers. Read up on his "Favorite Saint" to see what characteristics might apply to your life today.

Why do I want to be a priest? "To be a vessel of God's love and grace to his flock."

Eric's prayer request? "For the sanctification, healing, hope and salvation of the whole world."

Birthdays in May

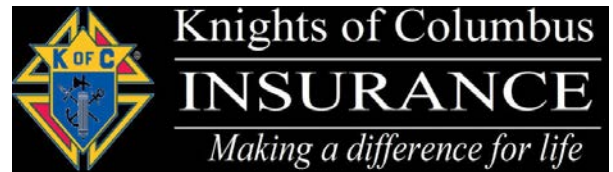


Fr. Joe Kim	5/2
Dcn. Ray Gans	5/6
Tom Lancaster	5/6
Aidan Ogamba	5/9
Joe Milioto	5/14
David Claude	5/16
Nicholas Lancaster	5/22
Rich Carlson	5/22
Brandon Geiger	5/25
Paul Slaviero	5/26
Fr. Edsil Ortiz	5/29
Nilo Pacheco	5/31

Catholic Professionals Mass And Breakfast:

Meets on: Thursday, May 11 - Mass: 7:00 a.m.,
Speaker: Nancy Kehoe, RSCJ, Ph.D.
Topic: "Robbed by Mental Illness: Discarded by Society, Who will be my Good Samaritan?"
This is a key aspect of our Catholic Social Teaching. **Location:** Three Flames Restaurant Banquet Room
1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose (north of Hamilton Ave)

Reservations needed for the Speaker/Breakfast:
\$15 Members, \$20 Non-Members. RSVP or Join at: www.sj catholicprofessionals.org, or Jessica King at 408-491-9229 or cpbcinfo@gmail.com



Think You Are Too Old for Coverage? Maybe Not

You are never too young or too old to consider purchasing life insurance. If you have a financial need for coverage, or will in the future, a permanent life insurance policy can be just the thing you need. When you are young and presumably healthy, coverage will be very inexpensive when compared to purchasing the same policies when you are older.

If you've put off purchasing coverage, or you realize that you may need additional insurance, the Order may still be able to help you, even if other companies cannot. In fact, in 2012, the issue age of our permanent life insurance products was extended to age 80, and in 2014, the issue age of our term insurance was extended to age 70. Naturally, your health, and whether or not you smoke, will be taken into consideration, so underwriting standards for risk and age apply. But, the extensions are a great blessing for me – and it could be for you too. Now I can help members that I couldn't help before. Are you or one of your brother knights one of those members?

Whether you're 18 or 80, the Knights of Columbus has products that will work for you and your family. I look forward to discussing coverage with you.

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**PRAY DAILY FOR OUR
PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS**

**Seminarians supported by our Council*

May 1	Rev. Mr. Gabriel Lee
May 2	Rev. Mr. Khoa Vu
May 3	Rev. Mr. Paul Jussen *
May 4	Rev. Mr. Edgar Elamparo *
May 5	Rev. Mr. Francis Kalaw *
May 6	Rev. Mr. Wilberto (Eric) Piczon *
May 7	Rev. Andrew Vu Nguyen
May 8	Mr. John Hoang
May 9	Mr. Michael Scott
May 10	Mr. Victor Trinidad
May 11	Mr. Robain Lamba *
May 12	Mr. Michael DiMartino
May 13	Mr. Manuel Barrios
May 14	Rev. Edsil Ortiz
May 15	Rev. Mr. Gabriel Lee
May 16	Rev. Mr. Khoa Vu
May 17	Br. Paul Jussen *
May 18	Rev. Mr. Edgar Elamparo *
May 19	Rev. Mr. Francis Kalaw *
May 20	Rev. Mr. Wilberto (Eric) Piczon *
May 21	Rev. Joseph Kim
May 22	Mr. John Hoang
May 23	Mr. Michael Scott
May 24	Rev. Mr. Khoa Vu
May 25	Mr. Robain Lamba *
May 26	Mr. Victor Trinidad
May 27	Mr. Michael DiMartino
May 28	Dcn. Ray Gans
May 29	Mr. Manuel Barrios
May 30	Rev. Mr. Gabriel Lee
May 31	Rev. Mr. Khoa Vu

Upcoming Events

No Pancake Breakfast In May

Thursday, May 4
Business Meeting
7 pm Youth Hall

Saturday, May 13
Our Lady of Fatima – 100th Anniversary
5:00 pm procession & rosary-Mass @ 5:30
Sunday, May 14

Mothers' Day (Plan something special for today)
May 17, Easter Monday – Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, May 16
Columbiettes' Board Meeting
11:30 am Hope Room

Saturday, May 20
VA BBQ @ Palo Alto Veterans Hospital
Depart ~ 10:00 am from parking lot, Return ~ 3:00 pm

Thursday, May 25
Columbiettes' Business Meeting
6:30 pm Youth Hall

Thursday, May 25
Officer's Meeting ??????????????????????
7 pm Hope Conference Room

Monday, May 29
Memorial Day-Office & School closed

Tuesday, May 30
Portola Assembly (4th Degree) Meeting
6:30 – 9:00 pm - Santa Maria Hall

Thursday, June 1
Business Meeting
7 pm Youth Hall

Sunday, June 4
Pancake Breakfast
7:30-11 am Community Center

Second Collections in May:

- May 7th – Bldgs & Grounds
- May 14th – Community Center/Youth Hall
- May 21st – Catholic Charities

**KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH
COLUMBIAN YEAR 2016-2017**

JULY	Jovie Palteng
AUGUST	Jeff Stone
SEPTEMBER	Toby Laufer
OCTOBER	Steven Sayle
NOVEMBER	Robert Scheerger
DECEMBER	Eugene Okafor
JANUARY	Eladio Cruz
FEBRUARY	Gary Herbst
MARCH	TBA

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH
COLUMBIAN YEAR 2016-2017**

JULY	Eric Bateman family
AUGUST	David Smearden family
SEPTEMBER	Tom Lancaster family
OCTOBER	John Hesler family
NOVEMBER	Gary Miskimon family
DECEMBER	James Lucarotti family
JANUARY	Gilbert Gruber family
FEBRUARY	David Verdugo family
MARCH	Bradley Vandehey family

**Pope Francis' prayer intentions
for May 2017**

Christians in Africa

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

QUOTES TO LIVE BY

" Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress of everyone, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse." *President George Washington*

"May God save the country, for it is evident that the people will not." *President Millard Fillmore*

"Blessed are the young for they shall inherit the national debt." *President Herbert Hoover*

"When they call the roll in the Senate, the Senators do not know whether to answer 'Present' or 'Not guilty.'" *President Theodore Roosevelt*
{Read more at: <https://www.brainyquote.com>}

MESSAGES:

Membership Director:

Always keep an Interest Card handy in your car – they are also in the church vestibule for you, along with this month's Council newsletter.

St. Ignatius of Loyola Council #12853 is in Membership Division Number 3 in California. Gains & member losses are measured against similar sized Councils in California. We hope to achieve our goal of new Insurance and associate members this year and the "Gold Star" award that may bring.

Program Director:

Our meetings are on the 1st Thursdays monthly, unless preempted by a major Church activity.

Activities needing your volunteer support in the next few months include: **Pancake Breakfasts** each month; the **VA Palo Alto Vets BBQ**; or attending the **Knights State Convention on May 17-20 in San Diego** as a non-voting attendee, or helping at our **June 25 Parish Blood Drive**. Contact Steven Sayle on any of these topics.

SAVE THESE DATES: ↓

**VA Palo Alto BBQ - May 20,
Depart o/a 10 a.m., return o/a 3:00 p.m.
Holy Family's Annual BBQ for
Vets treated at Palo Alto VA Polytrauma
Hospital**

**Olivewood Sales Event
May 30, following masses**

**Priestly Ordinations
June 3
Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph**

**St. Ignatius of Loyola Council Calendar of
Key dates and Service Program Events:
(Not all dates confirmed)**

MAY 2017

Pancake Breakfast – Cancelled to allow Mother’s Day and Multicultural Reception events
Business Meeting/Officer Nominations – 5/4
 Knights' State Convention–5/17-20 (San Diego)
 Our Lady of Fatima – 5/13
 100th Anniversary
Mothers’ Day – 5/14
 VA Palo Alto BBQ- 5/20:
 Chair – Don Nordloff
Memorial Day – 5/29
 Admissions Degree - 5/27

JUNE 2017

Columbiettes Officer Installation – **TBD**
Business Meeting/Officer Elections - 6/1
 Pancake Breakfast – 6/4
Flag Day – 6/14 &
 Ordination - Br. Paul Jussen
 Admissions Degree - 6/17
Fathers’ Day – 6/18
 Blood Drive – 6/25:
 Chair – Don Nordloff

JULY 2017

Knight’s Officer Installation – TBD
 Pancake Breakfast – 7/2
Independence Day – 7/4
 Business Meeting - 7/6
 Admissions Degree - 7/29

AUGUST 2017

Business Meeting - 8/3
 Pancake Breakfast – 8/6
 Parish Picnic 12:30pm – 8/6
 Community Center

SEPTEMBER 2017

Pancake Breakfast – 9/3
 Business Meeting - 9/7
Labor Day – 9/4
Festival weekend– 9/15-17
 Admissions Degree - 9/23

OCTOBER 2017

Pancake Breakfast – 10/1
 Business Meeting - 10/5
 Admissions Degree - 10/23

Catholic Trivia Answer: B. Bow one’s head.

This is the current regulation. Some folks have not heard it yet, so spread the word! The gesture simultaneously honors the Lord and serves as a sign of unity with the rest of the Church, which makes up the indivisible Body of Christ.

Nominations for Knight of the Month & Family of the Month and articles for June’s The Knight Line are due by Tuesday, May 24

COUNCIL OFFICER ELECTIONS **ARE IN MAY/JUNE**

“What **ARE** the duties of Council Officers? Here’s a snapshot of the primary duties of those we will be nominating and electing in May – June. { *Chaplain, Financial Secretary and Lecturer are appointed, not elected.* }

1. Grand Knight

- Presides over all meetings
- Appoints program and membership directors
- Appoints committees as needed
- Countersigns checks and orders for payment
- Responsible for the council's First Degree Team

2. Chaplain (*GK & Trustees suggest to Diocese*)

- Spiritual advisor to Council Knights and families.
- Provides his message to members at meetings or whenever it best suits his schedule, including use of the Council Newsletter.

3. Deputy Grand Knight

- Assists the Grand Knight with operation of the council & other duties assigned by the Grand Knight
- Presides at council meetings in the absence of the Grand Knight,
- Recommended (by Supreme) to be on the Retention Committee

4. Chancellor

- Strengthens members' interest in council activities
- Assists the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight with their duties
- Recommended (by Supreme) to be on the Admission Committee

5. Recorder

- Responsible for keeping and maintaining a true and permanent record of all actions of the council and maintains all correspondence of the council
- Automatically bonded by Supreme for \$5,000

6. Financial Secretary (*Supreme appoints*)

- *Grand Knight & Trustees recommend three-year appointment*
- *Collects money dues from members. Sends billing notices & initiates retention measures. Provides list of delinquent members to the Grand Knight to prevent members from being suspended*
- *Ensures Council member records are updated and all new members sign the constitutional roll*

- *Distributes Honorary and Honorary Life member cards from Supreme*
- *Files various reports and member/insurance transactions to Supreme*
 - *Automatically bonded by Supreme for \$5,000*
- *Completes IRS Form 990*
- *Keeps the Council seal for use on official documents*

7. Treasurer

- Charged with handling council funds
- Receives money from the financial secretary and deposits it in the proper council accounts
- Responsible for paying all council expenses, including assessments from the Supreme Council

8. Lecturer (*GK appoints*)

- *Appointed by the Grand Knight*
- *Responsible for providing suitable educational and entertaining programs under the “Good of the Order” section of council meetings*

9. Advocate

- Acts as parliamentarian for the council
- Should have a working knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order and Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting
- As needed, seeks State Advocate's legal assistance

10. Warden

- Responsible for supervising and maintaining all council property
- Sets up council chambers for meetings and degree exemplifications
- Oversees inside and outside guards

11/12. Inside/Outside Guards

- Attend doors of the council chamber, checking for current membership cards and allowing entrance

13-15. Board of Trustees

- Consists of Grand Knight and three elected members
- Supervises all financial business of the council and conducts the semiannual audits
- Trustees are elected for terms of three, two years and one year. At each regular election, the position of each trustee will be voted upon, with the current three- and two-year trustees moving on to become the two- and one-year trustees, respectively.