



The Knight Line

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Grand Knight's Corner



Brother Knights,

September was a rough month for us here in Santa Clara County. **First**, Covid restrictions have now been in place for six months; **second**, a scorching heat wave brought us 110 degree weather in the county; and **third**, a lightning storm caused massive wildfires and almost a month of dangerous air quality. I almost feel like the biblical Job having all these things crashing down on us and we are wondering, "Why O Lord is all these things happening to us, your faithful children?"

I don't know the answer, but like Job we need to trust in the Lord that he will be there for us as always. We need to reach out in fraternity to fellow Knights, fellow parishioners, and fellow neighbors and check in with each other and to know that God loves us all and he cares for us and wants us to care for all. Hopefully the fires will continue to go out and the weather will get cooler and everyone will wear their masks and social distance; but know that

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Grand Knight's Corner (Cont'd)

the Knights are still being active, we are still helping out the parish, our fellow knights, and our neighbors. The Knights are helping set up for outdoor Masses on Sundays and the Sacramental Masses on Saturdays in September. The outdoor Masses are now at the Festival tent but we are still putting up pop-up tents to give more shade to those under the tents due to the low position of the sun in the mornings, so anyone wanting to come help at 7:15 am and 6:45 pm are more than welcome.

I thank PGK Mark Williams for a wonderful job heading up the committee that made Father Joseph Tran's first Mass of Thanksgiving at Holy Family a wonderful success. Thank you for all the Knights who came in the sweltering heat to set-up for the Mass. Fr. Joseph really appreciated our help and was happy that all turned out well. Thanks also for all the Knights who donated items for the BBQ silent auction item, it was one of the best looking items on the online list!! I encourage all Knights to become active and to volunteer. If you don't know what to do, let me know and we can find a place you enjoy.

The Knights have been working on setting up programs for this year and some of them will be ramping up in the next few months and we would appreciate volunteers who can help in areas such as judging Essay contests or poster contests, helping our coat drive by collecting coats from neighbors and from parishioners after Mass, volunteering to collect money on our tootsie roll drives after Masses.

The Knights have been given an opportunity to hold a membership drive on Columbus Day weekend, Oct. 10th and 11th, and we need volunteers after Sunday Masses to answer questions and get info from men who want to join our council.

So, you can see, we can complain about our situations this year or we can do something positive about them. I hope everyone decides that they want to help out our parish, our neighbors, and fellow knights by becoming more active in Council activities. Check out the list of programs that we want to do this year in this Knight Line and decide to work on one of them with your fellow knights.

We will be publicizing the upcoming Beatification of our founder, Fr. Michael McGivney, which is on Oct. 31st. We plan to put it on the E-News and Facebook for the parish and our Council. Plan on watching the ceremony and answer questions about it if people ask you about why the church is declaring him Blessed. The publicity spots will be mentioning how holy and faithful he was to parishioners and the future of American Catholic Men!

Vivat Jesus,

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

SAVE THE DATES:

**Saturday, October 31st
Beatification of Fr. Michael J. McGivney
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford, CT
(<http://kofc.org/en/news-room/articles/ten-things-about-the-founder-of-the-kofc.html>)**

**Tuesday, November 3 -Election Day
Support this constitutional right by registering
now, voting absentee or early, or at any polling
place between 7am – 8pm.**



As Catholics and citizens, members of the Knights of Columbus should vote and should encourage members of their families, parishes, and communities to vote. Members are not permitted to engage in partisan political activity in the name of the Knights of Columbus. Partisan political activity is defined as action directed toward success or failure of a political party, candidate for political office, or political group.

Chaplain's Message



Miracles are not happy endings in themselves. They are designed to ignite the heart of people for a new beginning. This new discovery in living a life with Jesus is meant to be shared to our brothers and sisters. Keep in mind that anything we do for ourselves dies with us, but anything we do for others will live forever.

Have a wonderful day!

**Fr. Celso Singson
Chaplain**

MIRACLE UNFOLDING

Love is the most abused word in our society nowadays. We use it as often as we like to quench our thirst for love. It usually ends by manipulating and using other people (the one we love) to serve our own selfish desire. This sad reality summarizes the world where we live and which, from the beginning, God never envisioned.

God is love. He showed us the true meaning of love. The measure of love is to love without measure -- that is giving our self for the sake of the beloved. God gave everything to us, even His only Son to save us. God's greatest gift was offering His Son to die on the cross for our redemption. We can never repay God's goodness even though He doesn't expect anything in return. But I believe, God will be pleased by any humble effort we make to show our kindness and appreciation for His goodness.

Remember the story of Peter's mother-in-law. She was healed by Jesus from a severe fever. After the miracle of healing, she stood up and waited on them. (Luke 4:39) She gave us the example of how to make use of the gift she received from Jesus. When God visits us and answers our prayers, He wants to sustain His presence in us. Not just meeting our needs, but He wants to transform us to become miracle workers. As humans we are limited and have no power like Jesus. But, in our own little ways, we can inspire others. If we can empower and set them on fire in trusting the Lord, I believe without a shade of doubt Jesus' power comes again and another miracle is inevitable.

OUR COLUMBIETTES



This past month the Columbiettes contributed to Holy Family's 41st Annual Festival Silent auction by providing 32 baskets to be auctioned off at the Festival on the weekend of Sept.18-20.

The Columbiettes have begun the process of reviewing our by-laws and updating them for our St. Ignatius of Loyola Council.

As it is for many in this shelter-in-place environment, Zoom meetings are becoming the norm for the Columbiettes. We are meeting a few challenges, but our main goal is to create a bonding experience for the Columbiettes during this difficult time of COVID-19.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

Please notify our Financial Secretary, Toby Laufer (408-455-7321 or send him an email at: Theatretec@yahoo.com) for any change of address or phone number so that we can keep our membership roster and Columbia Magazine subscription addressing up to date. If your status changes (i.e., Degree level, marital status) let Toby know so our local records always reflect your current status.



**MEMBER PROFILE
ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA**

Jovie Palteng

Soon you'll be receiving a 2020 Fraternal Survey that is NOT our annual council fraternal survey. This one is designed to help update Supreme on your status, so they can advise members of benefits available of which we may not be taking advantage.

And what are those benefits?

Of course, you, your spouse and your children can protect their financial future through the Knights. We can insure your life, protect your family, safeguard your paycheck, help provide long-term care, and help you retire happily and comfortably.

But that's not all. The Knights of Columbus also provides a complimentary financial benefits to members, like our accidental death coverage.

One of the benefits of membership I think is most important and most underrated is the simple benefit of having a relationship with a brother Knight who is your fraternal insurance agent. Unlike my commercial counterparts, I share a common bond with you. We're brothers! And, as such, my primary focus is not to make a sale or close a deal, it's to help you determine what protection you and your family may need. My job is to help you identify solutions that work best for you, period.

You can meet with me as often as you'd like to explore your financial situation, or your retirement, and present potential solutions for you and your family to consider. I can help you customize a plan specific to your circumstances and your budget.

But I can't help you with what I don't know.

Keep an eye on your mailbox for the Fraternal Survey, fill it out, let me know what's new, and I'll be in touch to schedule a follow up conversation - virtual or otherwise - so we can talk about potential next steps. I look forward to connecting with you soon.

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How did I 'hear' about the Knights?

My grandfather and uncles were members of the Knights of Columbus, but I wasn't really interested in joining at the time because all the other members were older than I was.

When did I actually 'think' about joining?

I saw the camaraderie the Knights had and was thinking - I should get to know the men at my parish better. I also was looking to do more volunteering at the parish.

Who approached me about joining?

One of the past Grand Knights kept inviting me to join and after the third time, I decided to join and was surprised that it was easier to join and be a Knight than I originally thought.

What can I say about being a Knight?

Being a member of the Knights makes me a part of something bigger, a group that is always actively helping people in need, something I was looking for. I enjoy the fraternity and meeting other men in the parish. Getting to know them more makes me look up to them as an inspiration to be a better Christian, a better husband, a better Father, and a brother in Christ. I admire the dedication of the members that usually attend the meetings and have continued to support the organization.

Online Catholic Resources:

Our Diocese: <https://www.dsj.org>

State Council: <https://www.californiaknights.org>

Supreme: <http://www.kofc.org/en/index.html>

Holy See:
<http://www.vatican.va/content/vatican/it.html>

Fr. Emil Kapaun/Foxhole Podcast:
<https://www.kapaunsmen.com/foxhole>

KNIGHT'S ROSARY



Many thanks to the Knights, Columbiettes, family members, and parishioners who joined in the Knight's Rosary on September 17th. Mauro Valcazar, the Rosary Team leader, is making the arrangements for our October 15th Rosary, so plan on signing in as early as 5:30 to confirm your connections before it begins at 6:00 p.m.

NEXT KNIGHT'S ROSARY 10/15

DONATIONS TO OUR SEMINARIAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The RSVP program (Refund Support Vocations Program) seeks donations to our Seminarian scholarship fund each year. We began with a single \$500 award to our Brother Ernesto Orci in the early years following our Council being chartered. He is now Fr. Orci and Pastor of St. Lawrence the Martyr in our Diocese. In recent years our fund raising events have allowed us to support five to seven Seminararians. We will be sponsoring seminararians again this year, but our "seminarian jar" has not been filled due to all the Knight's events that have not happened the last six months. If your own financial situation allows, please make check out to "Knights of Columbus" and mail the check to the church address (4848 Pearl Avenue, San Jose, CA 95136) Attn: Knights of Columbus. No matter how large or small, your assistance will go 100% towards advancing the education of one or more of our future priests or religious.

Upcoming Events

SUBJECT TO COVID-19 CLOSURES

Thursday, October 1

Business Meeting VIRTUAL
7 pm – 8:00

Sunday, October 4

Pancake Breakfast Canceled

Saturday, October 10

Canopies for Mass
7:00 a.m. set up; 10:30 a.m. **Sunday** remove

Monday, October 12

COLUMBUS DAY
San Jose, County, State offices closed

Saturday, October 17

Canopies for Mass
7:00 a.m. set up; 10:30 a.m. **Sunday** remove

Tuesday, October 20

Columbiettes' Board Meeting VIRTUAL
6:30 pm Hope Room

Saturday, October 24

Canopies for Mass
7:00 a.m. set up; 10:30 a.m. **Sunday** remove

Tuesday, October 27

Portola Assembly Meeting VIRTUAL

Thursday, October 29

Columbiettes' Business Meeting VIRTUAL
6:30 pm Community Center

Thursday, October 29

Officer's Meeting VIRTUAL
7:00 pm Hope Conference Room

Saturday, October 31

Canopies for Mass
7:00 a.m. set up; 10:30 a.m. **Sunday** remove

Sunday, November 1

Pancake Breakfast TBA
7:30-11 am Community Center

November, October 5

Business Meeting VIRTUAL
7 pm – 8:00

WE WISH A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MILITARY SERVICES



IN OCTOBER, IT IS THE UNITED STATES NAVY

The birthday of the US Navy, **13 October 1775**, was when the Continental Congress created the **Continental Navy** by purchasing 2 vessels for a cruise against British merchant ships and the building of 13 frigates. **Benedict Arnold** ordered construction of 12 vessels to slow the British fleet invading from Canada. They destroyed his fleet, but he slowed them down, also slowing the progress of the British Army. By 1776, ships were under construction, but outmatched by the Royal Navy, with nearly all captured or sunk by 1781. The Revolutionary War ended with the **Treaty of Paris** in 1783, and by **1785 the Navy was disbanded**.

After the war the USA struggled to stay afloat financially. Because of rampant **smuggling**, the need was for enforcement of tariff laws and in August 1790 Congress created the Revenue-Marine (**Coast Guard's** forerunner) to enforce maritime law. Between 1790-97, when the Navy Department was created, the Revenue-Marine was the only armed maritime force.

The creation of the **"New Navy"** 85 years later when construction of modern ships was requested. In 1885, they authorized the first battleship and in 1901 President Theodore Roosevelt (a fervid supporter) added surface ships, submarines, and technological innovations. By 1907, he had added 16 battleships and sent the fleet around the world to display U.S. power.

The first aircraft carrier came in 1922. The Navy had a base in the Philippines and river gunboats on the Yangtze River in China. Japanese airplanes bombed one of the gunboats: the opening shot in the Pacific War. The era of the battleship was later proven to be over as they were best used for shore bombardment. When WWII ended, the Navy had over 1,600 warships. In the '50s, the Navy began moved to nuclear power, missiles and jets.

As of 2019, our Navy was larger than the fleets of the next 11 countries combined. The Navy operated 290 ships (18 % of WWII's fleets) and 3,900 aircraft. With 336,978 active duty personnel, 279,471 civilian employees, and 101,583 reserve personnel.



HALLOWEEN IS THIS MONTH: DRIVE AS IF KIDS WILL BE WALKING WILLY NILLY -- EVERYWHERE!!

BUT ARE WE SUPERSTITIOUS?

That is, are you or someone you know “believing in, full of, or influenced by “superstition” a belief not based on reason or knowledge? Where do these come from and is there ‘truth’ in them or are they just used to scare the bejabbers out of kids? Dr. Phillips Stevens, a University of Buffalo anthropologist says most superstitions come from three principles across all cultures. We all do them to some extent. **First** is a belief in a higher power. **Second** is the principle of similarity. **Third** is contact, or contagion. (Things that have been in direct contact with other things, retain that contact after they are separated.) The crack is damaged, stepping on that crack, you transfer some of that damage onto yourself. Let’s take a brief look.

Bad luck to open an umbrella indoors?

In 18th century London, when metal-spoked waterproof umbrellas became a common rainy day sight, their stiff spring mechanisms made them hazards to open indoors. An umbrella opening suddenly in a small room, could injure an adult or a child, or shatter a fragile object. Accidents could provoke quarrels, so the superstition was a deterrent to opening umbrellas indoors.

Bad luck to walk under a ladder?

5,000 years ago in Egypt a ladder leaning against a wall formed a triangle, regarded by Egyptians as a sacred shape. Triangles represented the trinity of the gods and passing through a triangle was desecration. Later, some followers of Christ interpreted it in light of His death. Since a ladder leaned against the cross, it became a symbol of wickedness, betrayal, and death. Much later, English criminals had to walk under a ladder on their way to the gallows.

Broken mirrors are 7 years of bad luck?

In Greece, people consulted “mirror seers,” telling their fortunes by analyzing their reflections. “Divination was performed by means of water and a looking glass. The mirror was dipped and a sick person looked into the glass. A distorted image and he was likely to die; clear, he would live. The ‘7 years’ is biblical and isn’t specific, as early cultures had ideas of long/short times and 7 years indicated a long time.

Spill Salt/toss some over your shoulder?

Around 3,500 B.C., Sumerians nullified the bad luck of spilling salt by throwing some over their shoulders. This spread to the Egyptians, Assyrians and the Greeks. It reflects how people prized salt as a food seasoning. How highly do we value it? Petronius, in his Satyricon, originated “not worth his salt” for Roman soldiers, who were given allowances for salt rations, called *salarium* ('salt money') & the origin of our word 'salary'.

Always “God Bless” a sneeze?

In most English-speaking countries it is polite to respond to another person's sneeze by saying “God bless you.” Though incantations of good luck have accompanied sneezes across cultures for thousands of years (largely for the belief that sneezes expelled evil spirits), our particular custom began in the sixth century A.D. by explicit order of Pope Gregory the Great. A pestilence was spreading through Italy and the first symptom was severe, chronic sneezing, often quickly followed by death. Pope Gregory urged the healthy to pray for the sick, and ordered that light-hearted responses to sneezes such as “May you enjoy good health” be replaced by the more urgent “God bless you!” If a person sneezed when alone, he recommended that they say a prayer such as, “God help me!”

Unlucky 13?

Fear of the number 13, known as “triskaidekaphobia,” began in Norse mythology. 12 gods were invited to dine at Valhalla, Asgard’s banquet hall in the city of the gods. Loki, god of strife and evil, crashed the party, raising the number of attendees to 13. The other gods tried to kick Loki out and in the struggle that ensued, Balder, the favorite among them, was killed. Scandinavian avoidance of 13-member dinner parties, and dislike of the number 13 itself, spread to the rest of Europe. It was reinforced in the Christian era by the Last Supper story, as Judas, who betrayed Jesus, was considered the thirteenth guest at the table.

RECOGNIZING OUR KNIGHTS

At our September Business meeting Worthy Grand Knight Eric Bateman recognized Brother Knights as Knight of the Month and Family of the Month for August 2020: **Jeff Knight** is our Knight of the Month; **Gary and Mary Herbst** are our Family of the Month.

Brother Jeff has been a major help with set up and tear down of the canopies for weekend Masses, especially those on Saturdays and funeral Masses we have been asked to help set up. Brother Jeff has been active with his newly position as our Warden, researching methods to dispose of our non-functioning refrigerator.

Brother Gary and Mary are extremely active in our Parish community and our Diocese. Gary serves as a Lector at weekday masses while Mary coordinates the weekly and First Friday Adoration schedules for Holy Family. Gary and Mary and Emma also assist at St. Lawrence the Martyr parish during the shelter in place era by welcoming daily mass attendees and ensuring social distancing and masking is practiced for the health of all. They also serve as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers when needed. Mary and Emma serve at Sacred Heart Community Services each month packing food for those in need in Silicon Valley.

Pope Francis' October Prayer Intention:

The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2019	Bradley Vandehey
OCTOBER	Chris Schmitz
NOVEMBER	Jovie Palteng
DECEMBER	John Chargin
JANUARY 2020	Rev. Mr. Joseph Tran
FEBRUARY	Jon Bosco
MARCH	Fr. Celso Singson
APRIL	Fr. Andrew V. Nguyen
MAY	Chris Mardesich
JUNE	Dcn. Joseph Tran
JULY	Gary Miskimon
AUGUST	Jeff Knight

Knight of the Year 2019-20: DAVID GOMEZ

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2019	Eric Bateman
OCTOBER	Mike Yambra & Patty Trillo
NOVEMBER	Mark Williams
DECEMBER	Robert Chubb
JANUARY 2020	Gary Herbst
FEBRUARY	Bradley Vandehey
MARCH	(Shelter in Place)
APRIL	(Shelter in Place)
MAY	(Shelter in Place)
JUNE	Mike Yambra & Patty Trillo
JULY	John Hesler
AUGUST	Gary & Mary Herbst

Family of the Year 2019-20: Gary Miskimon

October Notable Days:

- **October 12, Columbus Day**, An 1892 'one-time' celebration recognizing Italian Americans following the lynching of 11 Italians in New Orleans. It became a Federal Holiday in 1966, only 74 years later, expressing sentiments befitting the anniversary of the discovery of the Americas. (Not the USA of course)
- **Birthdays:** Presidents John Adams, Rutherford Hayes. Chester Arthur, Theodore Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower, Jimmy Carter. OTHERS?: John Cleese, Steve McQueen, .Matt Damon.
- **Papal Birthdays:** John Paul II, Clement XIV, Pius II.

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Food Gift Cards (AKA scrip) for many companies including **Target, Safeway, Lucky (SaveMart), Lunardi's, Arco, Shell, Chevron, Amazon.com, Olive Garden, Chili's, Starbuck's, Jamba Juice, Home Depot, Lowe's** (and more!) are sold by our Holy Family Education Center. In the past, scrip proceeds helped pay for Major and Minor school expenses: the roof on the primary buildings, copy machines and their phone system. Call Leslie Bejar—408-978-1355 or email—leslie.bejar@hfsj.org for information. Scrip is available at the Parish office during the week and following some masses on weekends.

HOT TIP: Safeway sells gift cards for many stores (Home Depot, Kohls, Bed Bath & Beyond, I-Tunes, Marriott, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, Macy's, Old Navy, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip.

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INTERESTED IN EARLY CATHOLIC HISTORY BY STATE? #2

ARIZONA: The 48th state of our Union – last of the “Lower 48”. The Spanish entered in 1539 searching for gold & brought Franciscan priests. By 1690 Jesuits arrive near Tucson: Fr Kino being called the “greatest missionary of Arizona”, giving everything as alms to the Indians. In 1827 Mexico expelled the Franciscans, ending the missionary era. American trappers entered the area & war with Mexico in 1848 ceded all above the Gila river to the USA. The Gadsden Purchase in 1854 added the rest of the southern borders of New Mexico & Arizona. Originally part of New Mexico, Arizona became a territory in 1863. Part of the Diocese of Santa Fe, the Diocese of Tucson was created in 1897 and was reduced in size 3 times to create the Diocese of El Paso in 1914, Gallup in 1939, and the Diocese of Phoenix in 1969.

Birthdays in October



Joseph Vandivier	10/1
Jun Aviles	10/2
Eric Bateman	10/3
Don Nordloff	10/9
Jon Bosco	10/12
Nathan Donahoe	10/31

Second Collections in October:

October 4th – Building & Grounds
 October 11th – Community Ctr/Hall
 October 18th – Mission Sunday
 October 25th – Peter's Pence

PRAY DAILY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS

October 1	Mr. Tony Famave, Theology 4
October 2	Mr. Manuel Barrios, Theology 3
October 3	Mr. Joseph Nguyen, Theology 3
October 4	Rev. Andrew Vu Nguyen
October 5	Mr. Robert Lamorena, Theology 1
October 6	Mr. Ryan Mau, Theology 1
October 7	Mr. Duy Nguyen, Theology 1
October 8	Mr. Thanh Ho, Pre-Theology 2
October 9	Mr. Pedro Jose Jimenez, Pastoral Year
October 10	Mr. Tony Famave, Theology 4
October 11	Rev. Celso Singson
October 12	Mr. Manuel Barrios, Theology 3
October 13	Mr. Joseph Nguyen, Theology 3
October 14	Mr. Robert Lamorena, Theology 1
October 15	Mr. Ryan Mau, Theology 1
October 16	Mr. Duy Nguyen, Theology 1
October 17	Mr. Thanh Ho, Pre-Theology 2
October 18	Most Rev. Oscar Cantú, S.T.D
October 19	Mr. Pedro Jose Jimenez, Pastoral Year
October 20	Mr. Tony Famave, Theology 4 3
October 21	Mr. Manuel Barrios, Theology 3
October 22	Mr. Joseph Nguyen, Theology 3
October 23	Mr. Robert Lamorena, Theology 1
October 24	Mr. Ryan Mau, Theology 1
October 25	Rev. Andrew C. Nguyen, Vocations Dir
October 26	Mr. Duy Nguyen, Theology 1
October 27	Mr. Thanh Ho, Pre-Theology 2
October 28	Mr. Pedro Jose Jimenez, Pastoral Year
October 29	Mr. Tony Famave, Theology 4
October 30	Mr. Manuel Barrios, Theology 3
October 31	Mr. Joseph Nguyen, Theology 3

Support our seminarians with notes or letters to these men preparing for ordination. Use this address:

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Catholic Professionals in non-Covid-19 times will meet on the 2nd Thursdays for Mass & Networking. Join Catholics in various professions and bring your questions for our speaker and this month's topic.

Register for their October 8th "Zoom Meeting" from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. with Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bishop-cantu-state-of-the-diocese-tickets-121759926217>

Members free, non-members \$15

Speaker: Bishop Oscar Cantú

Topic: State of the Diocese. Our parishes and diocese are also experiencing challenges due to the pandemic. Come learn where we are now and what the road ahead looks like for the local church.

Join at: sjcatholicprofessionals.com

California Knights (And Family Members) Should Vote!!

We must Register by 10/19 (by email, mail, at DMV, or at County Registrar.) Apply for absentee ballot by 10/27, Vote for your issues/candidates on 11/3

REGISTER AT: "registertovote.ca.gov"

ALL voters will get ballots mailed to them In Oct.

No witness signatures required in CA. Registration asks for your driver license or California ID number, or the last four of your Social Security. If you have none, leave the space blank. County elections officials will assign you a number identifying you as a voter. To pre-register to vote in California, you must be 16 or 17 years old, and meet all of the other eligibility requirements to vote. You will automatically be registered to vote on your 18th birthday.

Early voting starts Oct 5th, use any drop off site:

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/VBM/Pages/VoteEarly.aspx>

Check your registration or track your vote at:

<https://eservices.sccgov.org/Rov/>

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AND ELECTIONS??

Many voters, perhaps most, voice concern about electing a President since he or she has the power to nominate replacements to the Supreme Court. This is an excellent campaign issue for both parties and many advocate & religious groups actively support one side or the other of this issue, for politics or moral or ethical reasons of their own or of their group. So, how has this worked in reality, instead of just campaigns and bumper stickers?

“Stare Decisis” (Latin for “to stand by things decided.”), in short, is the doctrine of “precedent”.¹ Horizontal stare decisis refers to a court adhering to its own precedents, while vertical stare decisis refers to a court applying precedent from a higher court. This doctrine discourages litigating established precedents, thus reducing spending by litigants and the government.

Despite the legal stability stare decisis ensures, it is not without criticism. Some argue that it occasionally permits erroneous decisions to continue influencing the law and hinders the legal system’s ability to quickly adapt to change. Although courts seldom overrule precedent, Justice Rehnquist said it is not an “inexorable command.” The Court may decide not to apply the doctrine if a prior decision isn’t workable. Also, societal changes can lead the Court to overrule precedent; but overruling is exercised very cautiously.

The most significant example of stare decisis may be the Plessy v. Ferguson case in 1896.² The Court upheld racial segregation in public facilities as long as segregated facilities were equal in quality. This case legitimized the reintroduction of discrimination in the South following “Reconstruction” after our Civil War. Jim Crow laws, Poll Taxes, rail/bus transit, schools, drinking fountains, hotels/motels were all allowed to remain “Black & White” – equal!? This precedent lasted 54 years until the court effectively overruled it in Brown v. Topeka Board of Education.³ The 1954 Court said, ‘separate but equal’ schools were “inherently unequal.”

And now we have the Roe v. Wade case. In 1973 the Court ruled 7-2 that Texas violated the privacy rights of “Roe” by prohibiting abortions except for rape, incest or to save the mother’s life. Drawing on the 1st,

4th, 9th, and 14th Amendments, the Court said the Constitution protects individuals’ “zones of privacy.” Earlier cases ruled that contraception, marriage, and child rearing were activities included in these “zones of privacy” and the Court found the zone was “broad enough to encompass a woman’s decision whether or not to terminate her pregnancy.”⁴

The Justices approving were 5 Republican and two Democrats, opposed were one from each party. Republican appointees have continued in the majority now for 50 years, including one term with an 8-1 majority. Having a majority and electing the “right” party to the presidency doesn’t seem to have any effect on changing the Roe precedent - due perhaps to stare decisis. No societal changes have led the Court to overrule Roe, nor have any litigants brought any cases to the Court for 47 years to attempt to overturn it. Until society, or science perhaps (?), changes will any major party want to overturn this major fundraising and voter rallying issue for the parties?

For information on a variety of topics and the church’s positions, check reference #5. To review our church’s doctrine on Catholic Social Teaching to help form your conscience before any election, check reference #6.

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----- **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

Membership Director – Jovie Palteng:

Try asking just one Catholic gentleman to join our council each month. If each of us ask one man, the odds are good that at least one would say yes each month. We are holding a church membership drive on Columbus day weekend this month (Oct 10-11) and Knights are asked to volunteer to be present after Sunday's outdoor Masses. Remember, joining has become much easier with the unified 1st to 3rd degree ceremonies, so remind prospective Knight members that all of the 'secrecy' and formality has been changed and their families are invited to attend.

Program Director - DGK David Gomez:

Our business meetings are on the 1st Thursdays, unless preempted by a major Church activity or Special Notice. Brothers, check out the programs we are planning for the year and pick one (or one more?) to help with. Let me know and I will have the program coordinator contact you. Another reminder that we could still use a few Brother Knights to help conduct traffic on Saturdays 3:30-4:30 pm for Confessions. Could use several Knights on Sundays to help/supervise 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?

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

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Business Meeting - 10/1 Virtual Pancake Breakfast - 10/4 Cancelled On-line Rosary-10/15 Officer's Meeting - 10/29 Virtual Halloween-10/31 (Watch for kids when driving)	Pancake Breakfast - 11/1 Cancelled ELECTION DAY - 11/3 Business Meeting - 11/5 Virtual On-line Rosary-11/19 Boutique - 11/21-22 Officer's Meeting - 11/20 Virtual	Business Meeting - 12/3 Virtual Pancake Breakfast - 12/6 On-line Rosary-12/17 Officer's Meeting - CANCELLED CHRISTMAS - OFFICE CLOSED 12/24/20 - 1/1/21
JANUARY 2011	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Pancake Breakfast - 1/3 Business Meeting - 1/7 On-line Rosary-1/21 Officer's Meeting - 1/28 NEW YEARS - OFFICE CLOSED 1/1/21	Business Meeting - 2/4 Pancake Breakfast - 2/2 PRESIDENTS' DAY - 2/15 Office closed Ash Wednesday - 2/17 On-line Rosary-2/18 Officer's Meeting - 2/25	Business Meeting - 3/4 Pancake Breakfast - 3/7 St. Patrick's Day Dinner - 3/13 On-line Rosary-3/18 Officer's Meeting - 3/25

Nominations for our Knight and Family of the Month for October are due by Oct 17th and input for November's Knight Line by October 24th

COLUMBIAN YEAR 2020 – 2021 PROGRAM PLANNING

Brother Knights, here is the list of programs tentatively planned for your Council for this Columbian Year -- July 2020 to June 2021. They listed under the Program Areas used by our national Knights of Columbus organization. We could use help in all these programs, but especially those not yet started. Tell Program Director David Gomez or Worthy Grand Knight Eric Bateman if you are interested in helping in any of these programs. We hope each Knight will choose at least one program to help this year to make the work easier for all. Many of the programs can even be done mostly virtually!

Faith

1. RSVP Seminarian scholarships - *{We do this}* Award scholarships in October/November
2. Rosary program – *{We do this}* Rosary monthly, *{Need more Knight participation}*
3. Holy Hours - *{We started this}* Spend an hour with Jesus either live or virtually –
4. Sacramental Gifts – *{We gave rosaries to all making their sacraments this summer}* Will do more next April/May if they have Sacramental Masses at that time.

Family

1. Family of the Month – *{We do this}* Recognize one Knight family each month.
2. Keep Christ in Christmas - Poster contest for parish kids. *{Need to start planning in October}*
3. Food For Families - Collect food for the poor *{Will do a Spring collection during Lent}*
4. Family Prayer Night - Have a night of prayer with families *{Need to start planning in February}*

Community

1. Leave No Neighbor Behind - *{We do this}* We use phone calls and parish support
2. Essay Contest - Essay contest for parish kids. *{Need to start planning in December for January announcement}*
3. Coats for Kids - *{We do this}* Purchase coats to give to kids in need. *[Must order Coats in September, arrange donations for November]*
4. Helping Hands - Coat drive - *{We do this}* Annual coat drive for those in need, done in November
5. Free Throw Contest - *{We do this}* Basketball contest done in January. *{May have to move outside}*

Life

1. Layette Shower - *{We do this}* Pregnancy support done by Diocese. Collect baby items in November and donate money in December
2. Novena for Life - *{We do this}* Nine-day novena prayer for Life done in January
3. Mass of reparation - *{We participate in this at Chapter/Diocese level}* Annual Mass for end of abortion done on January 22nd.
4. Walk for Life - *{We participate in this}* Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco on January 23rd.
5. Special Olympics - *{We do this during the annual Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities}* Collect money to “Feed an athlete” during their Olympics.