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Birthdays

Fr. Justin Bianchi—3rd
Jose Cisneros—3rd
John Lenz—4th
Fr. Hector Cruz—7th
James Dirck—9th
Todd Acker—14th
Fr. Rene Iturbe—17th

Happy Birthday!



A little piece of history:
The Knights of Columbus
California State Convention of 1922.
Held in Santa Cruz and hosted by Santa Cruz Council 971!



Today's Knights

"Lady of Victory, Pray for Us."

Serving Star of the Sea, St. Joseph's Parish, Holy Cross, The Shrine of St. Joseph, St. Vincent de Paul.

Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 971

May 2019

Business Meetings are normally held the second Wednesday and Socials the fourth Wednesday at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall

May

8..... **BUSINESS MEETING**,
Star of the Sea, 7:30 pm.
12..... Coffee/Donuts at HC
18..... Habitat for Humanity
Build
17-19 . CA State Convention
24 **MONTHLY SOCIAL**
(See below and inside for
details.)
27..... Memorial Day

June

1..... 2nd Degree in Salinas
8..... Chapter Meeting in Sole-
dad, 10 a.m.
9..... Coffee/Donuts at HC
12..... Business Meeting
26..... Monthly Social *TBD

July

10..... Business Meeting
14..... Coffee/Donuts at HC
24 Monthly Social *TBD

Grand Knight's Message

My brother Knights,

Welcome to the month of May—the traditional month of Mary! Not surprisingly, our council have a number of activities planned for the month including our traditional May 13 Feast of Fatima celebration at the Shrine of St Joseph! What a wonderful way to show solidarity with your brother Knights by participating in this annual event including a recitation of the rosary and procession led by our very own Knights Color Corps!

Additionally, there are a number of opportunities this month to support our community, faith, family, and Life! (See bulletin for this month's schedule of activities.) I am still hopeful that more of our members will find a passion to support one of our varied activities??

Along those lines, I also wanted to mention that this month we will be nominating individuals for the 2019-2020 Officer positions. Included in this are opportunities to head up



either one of our activity groups (Faith, Family, Community and Life) or just a single activity where you might have a passion? (I know that the "Relay for Life"

knights show a real passion for this activity!) Please feel free to follow-up with me if you have this interest or would just like to ask questions or discuss further. I am available to answer any and/or all of your questions!

I do hope that you will consider getting more active in our council. I know that I am very proud of what we do as a council and remain humbled and honored to be the Grand Knight!

Thank you as always for your continued support and prayers!

Vivat Jesus,
Frank Benko
Grand Knight

Monthly Social Filipino

Friday, May 24
Star of the Sea Hall

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

As we enter into this beautiful month of May how could we not think and talk about our earthly mothers in conjunction with our Heavenly Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will honor them on Sunday, May 12, as the Church celebrates

"Good Shepherd Sunday" (Fourth Sunday of Easter). Pope Francis, in a beautiful tribute to mothers in his 2016 encyclical "Amoris Laetitia", praises their warmth and kindness, their dedication and moral strength all of which help the child develop

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...Chaplain

a capacity for intimacy and empathy (#174).

The vocation of motherhood is very much an extension of the vocation of the Good Shepherd. In their total and complete love for their children, moms (and dads!) are the hand of God leading us through the rocky roads of life and catching us when we fall; in the wisdom of their experience and in their constant and patient support, they are the "voice" of the Good Shepherd calling us to the safety and forgiveness of home.

Christ speaks in many voices — including our own. We can be the "voice" of Christ's compassion, comfort, forgiveness and peace in even our smallest and simplest words and acts of kindness and generosity. On Mother's Day may we give thanks for our mothers, whether living or deceased, who are or were the very voice of the Good Shepherd in our lives, assuring us with hope, mending our brokenness, be it our limbs or hearts, loving us unconditionally and completely, as God assures and heals and loves us from the moment of our birth.

Your brother in our Immaculate Mother,
Fr. Paul A. McDonnell, OSJ
Chaplain



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Social

Please come enjoy our Filipino-American Nite dinner social, Friday, May 24 at Star of the Sea Hall. Our host will be Virginia & Rudy Quijance. The evening will begin with social hour at 6pm and include appetizers and no host bar; dinner will be served at 7pm and consist of mouth-watering cabbage salad, pancit (noodles), lumpia (Filipino egg roll), mechado (beef w/ olives, bell peppers & tomato sauce), rice, and dessert . . . all for just \$15!

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Jesus, Mary & Joseph Home (JMJ). Please consider donating an item for the raffle.

Please RSVP by Friday, May 17, so we don't run out of food for you! Questions & RSVP: Virginia - Rudy Quijance at 831-458-9169. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thanks

Thanks to all who helped at the dinner social last month at Star of the Sea. The editor misplaced his list of helpers, so apologies! Thanks!

Insurance

Protect your family! Please give your friendly KofC agent, Jim Misa, a call for a free life insurance review. Jim can also talk to you about long term care and annuities. 831-384-8702 or james.misa@kofc.org.



Illness & Prayers

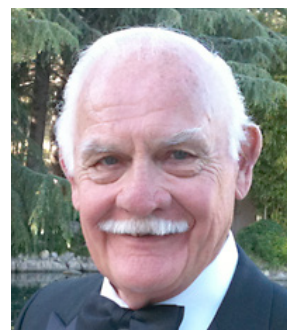
Let us continue with our prayers for our sick list of brother knights and families and their caregivers.

Dough Gallagher, Ken (Sr.) & Kathy Lazier, Dave Scargill, Francisco Garza, Lynnette de Lara and Arline D'Sabato.

Your call or e-mail to the Bulletin Editor (Andrew) if you know of any changes to the above list will be appreciated.

Membership

During the summer months our Knights will need to keep the strong recruiting effort of the council as a priority. This last year has given us an excellent example of success and we can draw on that strength to help grow our numbers.



This will put us in a good position to realize another strong performance like we have accomplished at the State Convention. Frank Benko and Tim Proulx have given us a great year of growth and example of progress. As we move into the next Columbian year we can look forward to an exciting and positive position in our faith community. We need the support of all the members to make this a great year. Come to our scheduled events and activities and add to our numbers.

Doug Gallagher
Membership Director

THE SILENT DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY ON ABORTION

5/2/2019

by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

What if I told you there's an issue that unites a clear majority of Americans?

What if I told you that at least 60 percent of Independents, Republicans, and Democrats agree on that issue?

And what if I told you that the Democratic candidates for president are on the wrong side of that issue? That they're out of step with the party – and the country – they want to lead?

That's exactly the case with abortion.

With just nine months to go before the Iowa caucuses, Democratic hopefuls seem to be competing to embrace the most extreme position on abortion even though it alienates an overwhelming majority of Americans on both sides of the aisle. It is important to understand just how far Democratic candidates have strayed from public opinion – even among their own constituents.

After New York expanded access to late-term abortion even up to the moment of birth earlier this year, the Marist Poll – one of the country's most respected surveys – found a broad consensus among the American people.

By about three-to-one, Americans oppose abortion after 20 weeks – or don't want it at all. This includes about eight in 10 Republicans and independents and nearly six in 10 Democrats.

This survey also found that 80 percent of Americans support limiting abortion to at most the first three months of a pregnancy. This included nearly two-thirds of those identifying as pro-choice and a similar number of Democrats (64 percent). The poll was commissioned by the Knights of Columbus.

Few issues command such massive majorities. The revulsion these proposals caused was bipartisan. But, while the polling showed that most Americans strongly opposed policies like those in New York and Virginia, Democratic presidential candidates appear to be doubling down on abortion.

It wasn't always like this. The Democratic Party used to have pro-life candidates at every level. Even party leaders once spoke out against abortion often and forcefully.

Ted Kennedy once wrote that "abortion on demand is not in accordance with the value

which our civilization places on human life."

In 1972 George McGovern worked the Democratic National Convention to stop a pro-abortion plank from being included in the party's platform.

In 1976, Sargent Shriver campaigned in the Iowa Caucuses on a pro-life platform, and Jimmy Carter won there, in part, because voters believed he too was pro-life.

And in 1981, Senator Joe Biden voted for the Hatch Amendment to overturn Roe v. Wade and allow States to again restrict abortion.

These examples prove an important point. Abortion should never have become a partisan issue. It would cease to be partisan if Democratic candidates who are pro-life, or at least support substantial abortion restrictions, stepped forward.

Given what the polling has revealed about attitudes toward abortion among Democrats, it seems obvious that a strong majority of Democrats, including Catholics and working-class voters, would have good reason to prefer a candidate who supports substantial restrictions on abortion.

It would be better for America – and for the unborn – if Democratic candidates listened to the electorate again. The majority of Democrats deserve representation and not exclusion of their point of view within their own party.

But that will never happen until the voters demand it.

The more than seven in 10 Americans – and six in 10 Democrats – who oppose late-term abortions should refuse to support any candidate who holds extreme abortion views. They need to speak out at town halls, at county dinners and anywhere else the candidates go.

It's time to say that abortion isn't a matter of party politics – it's a matter of national consensus. The American people agree: Abortion should be a post-partisan issue. Only Democrats can make it one, starting in Iowa.

Carl Anderson is the Supreme Knight and CEO of the Knights of Columbus, the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization.

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