



# Knights of Columbus Fair Oaks Council #6066

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APRIL

**“Jesus, I Trust in You!” —Always Forward, Never Back**

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## GRAND KNIGHT’S MESSAGE

Brothers,

### FIVE STONES

This time of the year as we head into our Easter celebration, we often hear the words from the Priest or Deacon: "We are an Easter People." So, what exactly does that mean? St. Augustine taught his people that it simply means this: that their faith in Jesus Crucified and Risen must be lived by imitating Him in daily life by the way they spoke, thought, and acted. Words that we as Knights should take to heart not only in the Easter season, but throughout the year.



How do we apply those words? One example that I thought about comes from the trip my wife and I made to Medjugorje about seven years ago. While there, we learned that Our Lady, in one of her first messages to the visionaries, had given us a present of the Five Stones. This is what She encouraged us to do:

- praying the Rosary with our heart every day,
- fasting twice a week,
- visiting Holy Confession every month,
- receiving the Holy Eucharist every Sunday,
- reading the Bible every day.

Now I'm not saying you have to believe in the Apparitions at Medjugorje to do the things listed above. The Apparitions haven't been officially approved by the Church; I believe that they are still being investigated. You have the option of believing or not. I will tell you though, having had the experience of being present in Medjugorje banished any doubts I had. Regardless, incorporating some of these practices (the Five Stones) into our lives would bring us closer to the Lord in faith, and works.

As the apostle, St. James says in 2:17, "so faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." Sounds like that is why we put our Faith in Action, through faith, life, community, and family works. As we move into April, those works could include participation in the Triduum of Holy Week, our annual Wheelchair Breakfast on April 30th, or helping feed the Special Olympians in Folsom on May 13th.

P.S: Please continue to invite more Catholic gentlemen into our Council; we need six more new members by June 30<sup>th</sup> to reach Star Council for the second consecutive year! The next Exemplification will be on April 1<sup>st</sup> in Folsom (just over the river!). Let Membership Director Bro. John Brennan or myself know if we can help with talking to potential candidates.

**In Service to One, In Service to All,**

**SK Chris Ward, Grand Knight—916-834-1772—wardchrisj@hotmail.com**

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ADORATION CHAPEL SCHEDULE			
Friday Morning 6:00 AM to 7:00 AM			
NAME	PHONE	Apr.	MAY
Joe Van Zant	916-844-8534	Each Friday	Each Friday
John Brennan	916-548-4962		
Andy Anderson		3rd Friday	3rd Friday

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**



Our parish offers perpetual adoration of Jesus Christ truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. We invite you to come adore our Lord in our Chapel of the Holy Eucharist. The Council has reserved an Adoration Hour between 6:00 AM and 7:00 AM every Friday. If you want to be added to the rotation schedule, contact John Brennan @ 916-548-4962.

**MARCH 5<sup>th</sup> EXEMPLIFICATION WELCOMES TWO NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS**

by Chris Ward

On Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, our Exemplification team conducted their third Welcome Ceremony at St. Mel for this Columbian Year and we added two new members to our Council here in Fair Oaks. New Brothers Paolo Terni and Mike D'Incecco attended and received their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees. Please introduce yourself to them and thank them for joining our Council. Brother Paolo has already volunteered to help with setup at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner this month. I would like to thank Father Des for being our Chaplain at the ceremony. Brothers Pat Miles, Mike Karelius, Tremain Hayhoe, and I made up the Welcome Ceremony team. In addition, Brother John Brennan filled in for our District Deputy, Bill Wagner, and Brother Trevor Harris acted as Warden for the event. Thanks to all of them and the other Knights in attendance to support our new Brothers. If you are interested in becoming part of the Exemplification team, contact Brother Pat Miles at 916-849-8698.



This Exemplification brought our total of new members to six for this Columbian Year. We still need six more to reach our quota and repeat as Star Council this year. Just approach a Catholic gentleman and invite him to join the Knights. The next Exemplification will be held on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> in Folsom. Pictured from left to right on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, are new Brothers Andres Mendez (6197-Folsom), Paolo Terni (6066), Mike D'Incecco (6066), and Brandon Avala (6922- Sacramento).

**MARCH BABY SUPPLY DRIVE A SUCCESS!**

Saturday and Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, our Council held our quarterly Baby Supply Drive to benefit the Sacramento Life Center. As you can see from the attached picture, with the aid of parishioners (and especially Brother Steve Jacek), we were successful in filling up the back of Brother Cliff Leiker's truck and still had need of Brother Tremain Hayhoe's car to carry the excess donations down to the Life Center. This has been a really well received event here at St. Mel. Next collection will be the first weekend in June. Thanks to everyone for their donations.



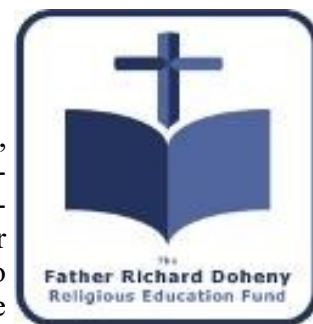
by GK Chris Ward

**NEW FATHER DOHENY DIRECTOR SELECTED**

by GK Chris Ward



On Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, our Chancellor, George Perkins, was elected to a five year term as a Father Doheny Fund Director. He joins Brothers John Brennan, Pat Wagner, Mike Karelius, and Jim Phillips on the Board of Directors for the Father Doheny Fund. George is replacing brother Dave Murray who resigned from his duties as a Director last month. Congratulate George when you see him. In addition to being our current Chancellor, Brother George also edits this newsletter (the Navigator) each month.



**NOTE: REMEMBER—DUE TO THE EASTER CALENDAR, HOLY WEEK IS 4/02 THROUGH 4/09, OUR APRIL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 13TH.**

**NOTE: NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL WARDEN STILL BEING ACCEPTED!**

by GK Chris Ward



I NEED YOUR HELP

Brother Gary Rains, our current Council Warden, was elected at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Meeting to fill in as Deputy Grand Knight for Brother Cliff Leiker for the rest of the current Columbian year (ending June 30th). Consequently, we are accepting nominations to fill the Council Warden position for the last three months of his term. We hope to elect his replacement at the next Business Meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup> and welcome all nominations for the position. If you are interested yourself or would like to nominate someone else, please contact GK Chris Ward at 916-834-1772 or [wardchrisj@hotmail.com](mailto:wardchrisj@hotmail.com) prior to the meeting. Duties would mainly include setting up for the monthly business meeting (arriving about 5 to 5:30pm on meeting night) by arranging the chairs, tables, podiums, passing out prayer cards, jewels to officers and leading us in the pledge of allegiance in the meeting. Then help with the breakdown of the room, placing everything where it came from, at the conclusion of the meeting. Other brothers will also help with the setup and pickup.

**3/18 CHAPTER MEETING NOTES**

by GK Chris Ward

Saturday, March 18th, when the cooking was just getting started for our St. Patrick's Day Dinner that evening, I attended the March Northern California Chapter meeting in Live Oak. Here are some of the notes I came back with:

1. In the Council breakout session, a couple of thoughts- the Council at St. Mary's in Sacramento holds a "Fat Tuesday" event the day before Ash Wednesday each year. Our brothers just below us on the American River, at St. John Vianney, have found that advertising their event as a "Knight's Breakfast" instead of the traditional "Pancake Breakfast", plus varying the menu a little bit, has increased their attendance at the event on Sunday mornings.
2. The Chapter is hosting a Lenten Retreat at St. Mary's in Sacramento (133 58<sup>th</sup> St) from 8 AM to 12:15 PM on April 1st - lunch is included. This event is free, but you must RSVP to DD George Bagley to attend ([vacahockeyman@gmail.com](mailto:vacahockeyman@gmail.com)).
3. The Chapter is hosting a Hospitality Room at the State Convention - delegates are asked to visit the room. Grand Knights are asked to bring checks for Columbian Charities to present at the Grand Knights parade. Delegates should order Saturday banquet tickets online prior to the convention.
4. The Chapter is currently first in the state this Columbian Year for ID Drive donations at \$66,000+. The Chapter goal is 84K.
5. First Responder Award (new) for deserving Knights, submit application by 5/01.
6. Fourth Degree exemplification on 4/22 at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Elk Grove.

**CAKE/ICE CREAM AFTER LENTEN STATIONS**

by GK Chris Ward



On Friday, March 24th, we provided cake and ice cream to St. Mel parishioners who came down to the Parish Center after the Lenten Stations of the Cross. In the attached picture, Brother Mario La Schiazza is serving up cake and Steve is manning the ice cream department. We hosted about 15 to 20 parishioners including Deacon Jack and his wife, Christine. Coffee and water were provided as drinks.

## MARCH 2023 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Council 6066 General Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by GK Chris Ward.

January meeting minutes were approved as posted on Google Drive.

Father McSweeney is in a rehabilitation facility. Council 6066 will send him a

ticket to the St. Patrick's Day Dinner. GK Chris has the address of the rehab facility.



We need to recruit 6 more members this year to be eligible for the Star Council Award.

### CALENDAR:

3/5: 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification 12 noon at St. Mel

3/11: St. Mel School Auction

3/18: Chapter Meeting in Gridley

3/18: St. Patrick's Dinner (volunteer help needed)

4/13: Council #6066 General Meeting

4/20: Council #6066 Planning Meeting

Mike Dincecco and Paolo Terni were approved for membership in Council 6066.

Baby Supplies Drive is on 3/5.

March for Life will take place on 3/6 at the State Capitol.

Council 6066 will send 2 delegates to the Annual State Meeting 5/19-20 in Ontario.

Vocations Dinner for the Sacramento Diocese is on 6/24.

Annual Golf Tournament will be on August 7 at Rancho Murrieta. A flyer is available.

Next Chapter meeting is on 3/18.

Fourth Degree Exemplification at Good Shepherd Church in Elk Grove on 4/22.

Gary Rains was elected to replace Cliff Leiker as DGK. Victor Warmerdam was elected to replace Dave Murray as Trustee 1 Year.

Nominations are open for a Warden to replace Gary Rains. Election will take place during the next General Meeting.

Prayer requests for:

Fr. McSweeney, Dan Ward, Loretta Brennan, Cheryl Tsang, Elizabeth Hummer,

Karen Juten, Frank and Judy Abi-Nader, Rick and Miriam Cervetti,

Cori Young, Bob Burman, Jessica Webb, George Chelimi,

Joan Delack, Rick Chang, Dave Murray, Joe DiSessa, Laurinda Hein, Bill Heilmann.

Deceased: Peggy Grass, Gerald Young, Terie Haley

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Raffle Winner: \$19 to Tremain Hayhoe.

by Mike Karelius, Recorder



## APRIL MEETING LOCATION & DINNER



The next General Business Meeting on **Thursday, April 13th** will be held in the Parish Center. A pre-meeting dinner will again be available at 6:00 PM for a suggested donation of \$5. Come early, enjoy a meal with your fraternal brothers, socialize before the meeting, and actively participate in the meeting. **Also, invite a prospective new member to attend this social hour so that he can enjoy the camaraderie of our members.**



## PASSING OF BROTHER SEAN GERARDO

[Mass Card as edited by GK Chris Ward]

**“You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough”**



Sean was born on March 25, 1987 in Manila, Philippines. He was the son of Bernardo and Susan, the youngest of 2 children. Sean graduated from Sacramento State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 2010. He then pursued a Master in Business Administration from the National University in 2014. Sean's career in civil service began in 2011 where he worked as a Tax Auditor for the California State Employment Department. His passion for auditing led him to a distinguished career, progressing to an Associate Program Auditor in 2017.

An avid volleyball player, Sean was a member of multiple volleyball leagues since 2008. He joined the Knights of Columbus Council #6066 at St. Mel in January of 2014. He received his Second and Third Degrees in March of 2014.

Sean will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and coworkers. His jovial personality and kind-hearted nature won over so many hearts in such a short time. Sean leaves behind his father, Bernardo Gerardo, sister, Sarah Agnes Gerardo, and a nephew, Maximilian (Max) Bernard Bynes. His Memorial Funeral Mass was held on March 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Clare Catholic Church in Roseville, officiated by Father George Snyder. Father George, Sean, and his mom, Susan, were good friends from the time Father George was at St. Mel, right after he graduated from the seminary. His mom, a regular parishioner at St. Mel, passed away about six weeks ago in January from cancer. In his eulogy delivered by his best friend from the Bay Area, Sean was characterized as always on the go, keeping busy every day. May he rest in peace.

## ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER



Knights of Columbus Council #6066 had its Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 18<sup>th</sup> filled with live Irish Music, dancing, drinks, and delicious corned beef and cabbage. An estimated 150 St. Mel Parish guests and families enjoyed the food, the live music from musical guest Liam Irish, live Irish dancing by the Kennelly School of Dance, and the live raffle where some people got very lucky with prizes! The delightful dinner was not one that just magically appeared at the end O' the rainbow. It took the hard work and dedication of the many knights and their wives who graciously volunteered their time and energy to make this event a big success.

The kitchen staff arrived Top O' the morning, peeling copious amounts of carrots and cutting potatoes and getting the first batch of the corned beef ready. As you can see it was five O'clock somewhere! The tables and dance floor had already been setup earlier in the week, so the setup crew only had to put the decorations and table cloths on the tables...Or so they thought! They arrived in the morning to find out a sneaky leprechaun thought it would be a funny trick to put away all the tables and the dance floor, so the setup crew arrived to a completely empty room! Luckily, the leprechaun antics were no match for the setup crew. They reset up the tables and chairs and with a few tunes of the magical Irish flute and whistle, a new dance floor crew came back and set

it up even bigger and better than how it was before.

With the help of all the knights and perhaps a little bit of luck and prayers answered by St. Patrick himself, the event went very smoothly and everyone had a great time. Father Des gave the authentic Irish priest blessing, Deacon Lehman was there in full Leprechaun form, and Sister Kathleen and Father O'Conner were there as additional Godly moral support and just so happened to win a few bottles of Jameson at the raffle. Many guests gave rave reviews of the food, the live music, the dancing, the raffle and the overall event. It was great to see so many smiling faces and laughing and clapping in the audience.

Many weeks of planning went into the event that lasted only a few hours. I would like to thank a few knights that really stood out and made the event possible; Pat Miles and Gary Rains for helping with the shopping prior to the event. Gary and Trevor Harris for running various errands throughout the day of the event and were crucial to getting everything necessary. Chris Juten who showed up and was a big help with the table setup. John Brennan who was the Renaissance Knight doing various things throughout the day that helped out big time. Joel Obayashi, his wife, Judi, Bruce Fairchild, John's wife, Christine, Mario La Schiazza, and the entire kitchen staff for preparing the massive meal all day. Paolo Terni and James Cotta for helping set up the bar.

During the event, Mike Allison (aka Paddy O'Furniture) and Trevor did well running the bar. Pat Wagner and Gary Rains did the key role of managing the tickets at the front door. George Perkins, his and sister, and other knights served the food. Chris Ward our Grand Knight, was crucial helping guide me for weeks prior to the event, helping with the raffle, and for leading the cleanup crew who probably set a record for how fast everything was cleaned up.

Additional thanks goes to Dorothy Wagner for setup of the auction and selling additional tickets throughout the week and of course last but not least the entire St. Mel parish who showed up and had a great time making all the hard work worthwhile! Thank you! May you and your family have many Irish blessings. Till next year!

by Tremain Hayhoo

**Wedding Anniversaries**

by SK Patrick Wagner, FS

Congratulations to the following couples celebrating their blessed date this month:

Dr Joseph & Margaret Ang	12
Michael & Melissa Karelius	14
Donald & Pat Wagner	15
Joseph & Gloria Sunquist	17
Mark & Michelle Swink	23
Edward & Susie Arthur	24



HAPPY

ANNIVERSARY

**MASS CARDS:**



Anyone knowing of a fellow brother or his spouse having passed away or ill, please notify **George Perkins** so a Mass Card can be sent. Bro. George can be contacted by phone at 916-844-7033.

**Prayers— Please! Please! Please**



Please keep the following Knights and their families in your prayers: Frank & Judi Abi-Nader, Loretta Brennan (sister of Bro. John), Joann Buckman (wife of Bro. Jerry), Bob Burman, Rick Chang, Rick & Miriam Cervetti, Andrew Cobb, Joe DiSessa, Brice Harris (Father of Bro. Trevor), Kelly Heisinger (wife of Bro. Kevin), Elizabeth Hummer (wife of Bro. Michael), Karen Juten (wife of Bro. Chris), Ken Knutson, Paul & Gerrie Parker, Father Liam McSweeney, Megan Scroggins & family (St. Mel choir member), Cheryl Tsang (mother-in-law of Bro. Chris Ward's daughter), Patty Wagner (wife of Bro. Don), Dan Ward (brother of Bro. Chris), Vic Warmerdam, and Cori Young (wife of deceased Bro. Gerald Young). Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of Peggy Grass and the souls of all our deceased Brother Knights.

**Happy Birthday!**

by SK Patrick Wagner, FS

Peter J Abi-Nader	01
Alden S Crow	01
Barbara Shunta	03
Emil D Alisangco	04
Richard Latour	04
Albert L Schindler	08
Christopher R Juten	11
Steven D Kramer	14
Richard J Terry	14
Catherine Helgeson	15
Anthony R Chang	15
Roy T Bonk	16
Victor L Warmerdam	17
Sotero P Andrade	22
Mary Pat Jones	23
William B Heilmann	23
Christopher F Anderson	25
Frances Sheppard	26



**PLEASE NOTIFY GRAND KNIGHT IF A NAME MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE PRAYER LIST. THANK YOU.**

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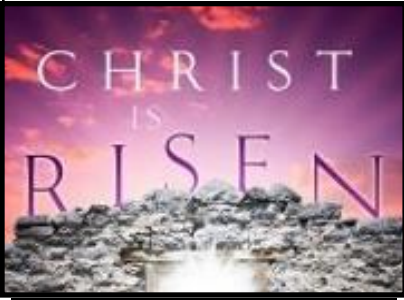
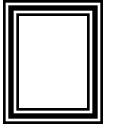
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**HAPPY EASTER  
SUNDAY, APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>**



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APRIL 2023	
2nd	PALM SUNDAY
6th	HOLY THURSDAY
7th	GOOD FRIDAY
9th	EASTER SUNDAY
13th	Pre-Mtg. Dinner @ 6:00 PM & General Business Mtg @ 7:00 PM
16th	Divine Mercy Sunday
20th	Planning Meeting @ 7:00 PM
29th-30th	Mother's Day Card Sales begins
30th	Wheelchair Breakfast
MAY 2023	
4th	Pre-Mtg. Dinner @ 6:00 PM & General Business Mtg @ 7:00 PM
14th	MOTHER'S DAY
18th	Planning Meeting @ 7:00 PM
29th	Memorial Day

**COUNCIL #6066 EVENTS CALENDAR**