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Calendar

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April 2021				
Thu	1	HOLY THURSDAY		
Fri	2	GOOD FRIDAY / FIRST FRIDAY		
Sat	3	HOLY SATURDAY		
Sun	4	EASTER SUNDAY		
Tue	6	Council Meeting (Zoom, per Supreme mandate)7:30 pm		
Sun	11	Council Golf (Westchester Golf Course)11:00 am		
Wed	14	4th Degree Officers Meeting8:00 pm		
Thu	22	Holding Co Meeting (Zoom)7:30 pm		
Tue	27	Officers Meeting (Zoom, per Supreme mandate)7:30 pm		
Wed	28	4th Degree Regular Meeting8:00 pm		
Fri	30	Italian Dinner5:30 to 7:30 pm		
May 2021				
Sun	2	Council Golf (Westchester Golf Course)11:00 am		
Tue	4	Council Meeting (at the Hall)7:30 pm		
Fri	7	FIRST FRIDAY		
Sat	8	Scholarship Applications Due		
Sun	9	MOTHERS DAY		
Wed	12	4th Degree Officers Meeting8:00 pm		
Tue	25	Officers Meeting (at the Hall)7:30 pm		
Wed	26	4th Degree Regular Meeting8:00 pm		
Thu	27	Holding Co Meeting (at the Hall)7:30 pm		
Mon	31	MEMORIAL DAY		

Grand Knight's Message

Happy Easter, everyone! Amen, He is Risen. Surely God is rolling away the boulders in our lives as well. We've accomplished a lot in these circumstances, and there is so much more ahead!

Our March 5th and 19th Fish Frys were sell out events thanks to your support! **Paul Condran PGK** and the amazing team are 3 for 3 on selling out everything we had; incredible! We are looking forward to an Italian Dinner at the end of the month, and this one with indoor seating! More details to come.

We are happy to be announcing our 2021 Scholarship Program is happening once again! Information can be found in this bulletin (page 8) and on our website (kofc3744.org). Good luck to all who apply!

We will be having our April 6th Council meeting on zoom, but our May 4th meeting will be back in the Hall! More details to come. We can't wait to see you all soon!

- Grand Knight Brian Lockwood, reporting

Bidding Farewell to a Brother Knight

On March 18th, the day after St. Patrick's feast, family and friends gathered to pay tribute and say goodbye to Father James O'Grady, Pastor Emeritus of Visitation Church. The longtime beloved presence in our Catholic community was given a warm and loving send-off by Archbishop Jose Gomez during an outdoor funeral mass. Father O'Grady was a Brother Knight, and many members of Council 3744 were on hand to pay him tribute while helping our Chaplain **Msgr. Jim Forsen** make sure things ran smoothly. PGKs **Paul Condran**, **Mike Rachford**, and **Ed Stokx**, and Brothers **Tom Hughes**, **Chip Mallek** and **Mike Dorn** all assisted with checking in guests and providing logistics for attendees. With a mixture of tears and smiles we bade farewell to our Brother Knight, or as the Irish say, wished him *slán go fóill*; meaning "safety for awhile," as he embarked upon a final journey along the road that rises up to meet all good Irishmen - the pathway to Heaven.

- Warden Mike Dorn, reporting Please Support These Sponsors of YOUR FRATERNAL KNIGHT! **Fantastic Sams**® HAIR SALONS Carter Crisp Jennifer Genadry VP Marketing, Strategy, and Research irtercrisp@crispi Fantastic Sams 8801-D S. Sepulveda Blvd. Westchester , CA 90045 9401 Venice Blvd. appointment Culver City, CA 90232 c: 949.910.9899 (310) 216-8066 www.FantasticSams.com Most salons independently owned www.Crispimg.com

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Assisting the Holding Co.

At the March 23rd Officers meeting, a unanimous vote of Council Officers approved a motion authorizing transfer of \$10,000 to the Holding Co. in order to ensure maintenance and operating costs are covered for the facility at least through the beginning of the new Columbian year on July 1, 2021. The motion will be discussed and voted on at the May 4th Council meeting. We are hoping to have it in the Hall and we hope you attend! Stay tuned for an update.



Rancho San Antonio Open House Update

Rancho San Antonio Open House is now scheduled for Sunday, October 3.2021.

The annual 2021 Rancho raffle ticket fundraiser will be held and combined with the previous 2020 raffle ticket fundraiser. The new drawing will be on October 3, 2021 at the Rancho Open House or virtually if COVID were to cause the Open House once again to be canceled. Either way the drawing will be held on October 3, 2021.

The 2020 tickets will be **combined and entered** with the 2021 Rancho ticket raffle on October 3, 2021.

Thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets last year. Considering the much shortened drive and no ticket sales at our parishes, we raised an admirable \$2000 in 2020. Your ticket stubs have been sent to Rancho.

K of C Raffle Ticket program will be kicked off by Councils in the LA Archdiocese this June of 2021 with detailed information sent out this May. You should be receiving your Rancho tickets in the mail in June.

Mike Engler PGK

Rancho San Antonio Chairman (703) 350-7262 mengler729@sbcglobal.net



Pro Life & Decency

Teen Abortion Rate Has Dropped

Here is part of a LifeNews.com article by Michael New PH.D. titled, "New Report Shows Teen Abortion Rate Has Dropped a Whopping 82%":

"Last week, the pro-choice Guttmacher Institute released long-term data on rates of pregnancies, births, and abortions in the U.S. The national data range from 1973 to 2017 and include breakdowns by age demographics, and the state-level data range from 1988 to 2017.

These new data suggest that the trend is continuing, as the report shows that between 1980 and 2017, the abortion rate for females between the ages of 15 and 19 fell by more than 82 percent. The abortion rate for 35-to-39-year-olds fell by only 8.5 percent during the same timespan.

The large reduction in the teen abortion rate is partly the result of a higher percentage of pregnant teenagers choosing life for their preborn children. According to these new statistics, the percentage of pregnancies carried to term by women ages 15 to 19 between 1980 and 2017 increased by more than 10 percent.

An even more important reason for the drop in the teen abortion rate is that teenagers are now much less likely to become pregnant in the first place. According to Guttmacher, the teen pregnancy rate peaked in 1990 at 117.6 pregnancies per thousand teenaged females (girls 15 to 19). Since then, the teen pregnancy rate has declined by a whopping 73 percent.

This substantial long-term decline in the teen pregnancy rate in the United States is an important public-policy success story. Groups that support legal abortion and their allies in the mainstream media are quick to credit increases in contraception use for these changes. But even some left-wing media outlets such as Vox have admitted that there are other factors, such as the significant, durable, long-term decline in teenage sexual activity."

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By Anthony & Lisa Leoni

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Prayer Intercessions

Please pray for the intentions of the listed Knights, Family and Friends

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John Neil PDW

Michael Walsh

Greg Neumann

Jim Piry

Thomas Houlihan

Matthew Ceballos

Norbert Dickman Jr

Stan Clark PGK

Norm Bisho

Fr. David Ayotte

To appear on the prayer list, send name by the 25th of the month to

knights3744gmail.com.

Family & Friends

Lori Caldwell (wife of Bob)

Jessica Leoni (daughter of Tony)

Barbara Clark (wife of Stan)

Kimberlee Hamilton (wife of David)

Helen Cunningham (mother of Joe)

Deborah Kanatsky (wife of Bill)

Maria Solis (widow of Joe)

Paul Rapp (brother of Faye McCreary)

Mary Tarke (daughter of Tom Jones)

Cathy Blodgett (daughter of Al Rue)

Helen Harris (grandchild of R Harris)

Cheryl Wahler (friend of Tom Russell)

Katie Brennan (widow of Lyle)

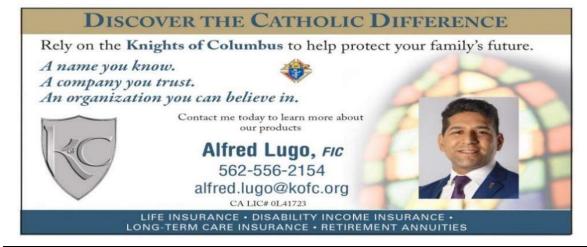
Lisa Leoni (wife of Tony)

Bernie Roberts (friend of Council)

Elizabeth "Betsy" Jones (wife of Michael)

Antonio Villacorta (friend of Tom Z)

Carly Callinan (daughter of Paul Callinan)





Golf Report

Fourteen golfers enjoyed our March Westchester Knights of Columbus golf at the Westchester Golf Course and played some great golf. History was made on hole number 7, with **Guylaine Brosmer** sinking in her chip shot for a birdie, followed immediately with **Mark Brosmer's** long birdie putt and big smile. Never before in our memory of Westchester Knight's golf did we have wife and husband scoring birdies on the same hole. Outstanding also, but not quite as historical, were nice birdies scored by **Tom Hood** on hole number six and **Peter Deal** on the par 5 hole number 15.

With Easter Sunday on the first Sunday of April, our next golf outing will be at the Westchester Golf Course on the <u>second Sunday of the month</u>, April 11. First Tee time at 11:00. All of our KC members and guests are invited. Hope to see you there!

Next Tournament: April 11th, 2021

Westchester Golf Course

First tee time - 11:00am (Arrive and check in by 10:45am)

- Brother Richard Wagner, reporting



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Supporting the Priesthood

As many of you know our council supports men in formation for the priesthood both with our prayers and a stipend. I am very happy to announce that last year's recipient Juan Pablo Chavez is completing his first year studies at St John's (Major) Seminary. Unlike the Center of Formation, all his expenses are now covered by the Archdiocese. While he is no longer in need of our financial, please keep him in your prayers.

Father Paolo Garcia, Director of Queen of Angels Center for Priestly Vocation has selected Christian Eguaroje for this year's stipend. Christian is in his first year at the Center. Let us keep Christian and all the other men at the Center in our prayers. Below, Christian shares some his biographical details.

"I was born and raised in Nigeria where I lived for 15 years. I started discerning the Priestly Vocation at about age 11 immediately after my First Holy Communion. My very first encounter with Christ was during a Eucharist adoration. I shared my feelings with my parents and told them about my experience. They were shocked at first, but supported me with Love and Care. I began altar serving to grow closer to Christ and to establish a good relationship with the pastor, who was an inspiration to me in my spiritual journey. I ended up attending two Minor Seminaries in Nigeria, graduating from the second one.

Following this, my Family and I moved to England in 2016 due to my father's job. I completed my high school in England in 2019, then contacted the vocations' director for the LA archdiocese. After arriving in the United States, and a successful interview with Fr. Sam, I was encouraged to further discern for a year and carefully meditate on the movements of my heart. After a prayerful year, through God's graces I was accepted into Queen of Angels Center for Priestly Vocation. I wake up daily with Joy and thanksgiving to God almighty for giving me the privilege to get closer to him through my discernment of the priestly Vocation. I am also thankful to the Knights of Columbus for their generous support. I pray that the Lord reward you with abundant grace. I will continue to pray for you; please keep me in your Prayers as well.

Christian Eguaroje, Seminarian of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles"

- Brother Mike Engler PGK, reporting

Coats For Kids

The cold nights are still here. Please consider warming a needy child through a donation to the Knights of Columbus' Coats For Kids charity. Just visit https://www.kofc.org/en/charities/articles/coats-for-kids.html to learn more about this fantastic charity. While there, click the "(Donate)" button to make a child's days a little warmer and happier. Thank you!

Scholarship Program 2021

It's Scholarship time again! Graduating students from our local Catholic parishes can take advantage of this opportunity by applying for one of our \$1,000 scholarships today! Our application judges examine the completed packages, after which scores are tabulated to determine the Scholarship Award Winners. Forms can be found at our Council website (kofc3744.org) on our Scholarship Program page.

Scholarship Applicant Eligibility Requirements:

- Practicing Catholic graduating from the 8th or 12th Grade
- Submit complete application, assigned essays and letter of recommendation
- Parishioner and/or parish school student at St Jerome's, St Anastasia's, St Mary's, Visitation, or St. Bernard's HS **OR** Child or grandchild of a dues paying (or life) member of KofC Council 3744 (whether affiliated with a local parish or not).

Completed application packages must be received by Sat May 8.

If you have any questions, please email knights 3744@gmail.com.







In Memoriam

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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John Thompson & Helen Thompson

By: Bill Thompson PGK and Family

In Loving Memory of

Joseph Vezzetti

4th Degree Sir Knight

By: Chip & Maria (Vezzetti) Mallek

In Loving Memory of

Pat Rotolo

A True Brother Knight

By: The Rotolo Family

In Loving Memory of

Edwin R Zvanovec

A True Brother Knight

By: Irene & Thomas Zvanovec

In Loving Memory of

Bill Drenick PGK & Marie Drenick

By: Mary Drenick

In Loving Memory of

Cressy Lopez

Founder, Cressy's Lopez Ranch

By: Chris Lopez PGK and Family

In Loving Memory of

Paul E Hood

Past Grand Knight & Charter Member

By: Martha Hood

In Loving Memory of

Michele Anne DeMarco

By: Your Brothers & Our Families Bill & John Thompson

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In Loving Memory of

Anne Gervais Dorn

An Irish Angel 1964 - 2009

By: Her Husband, Brother Knight Mike Dorn In Loving Memory of

Vincent & Beverly Migliazzo

Past Grand Knight / Charter Member and His Better Half

By: Marlene and Steve Kaufman

Rest in Peace



Remember in your prayers all our departed Brothers, especially all those who have died in the month of April

04/01/98	William Corrin, PGK	04/13/20	David Dukesherer
04/02/82	Francis Coffey	04/15/00	Albert Ruh
04/04/08	Msgr Patrick Gallagher	04/17/09	Dr David Frelinger, PGK
04/07/97	Fredrick Dyck	04/18/88	Leo Wright
04/07/17	Samuel C Infantino	04/19/09	Bro Anthony Smulders
04/08/87	Samuel Pepe	04/22/10	George Pitko
04/08/18	John Schillinger	04/22/10	James Mussack
04/10/80	Robert Kelley	04/23/03	Alfred Brass
04/11/99	John Deane	04/26/07	Manuel Ramirez, PGK
04/12/68	Vincent Burke	04/27/86	Julius Lazok, PGK
04/12/92	Elmer Londre	04/28/61	Thomas Trainor
04/13/90	James Barry	04/28/80	Edward Gabele
04/13/09	Peter Cano	04/30/72	George O'Toole

Anniversaries

Congratulations to all of our Brother Knights and spouses who are celebrating anniversaries this month!

04/04/76	45 Years!	Rick & Edith Daza
04/07/74		Bruce & Julie Baker
04/07/79		David & Antoinette Mannix
04/11/87		Ruben & Sylvia Gonzalez
04/12/09		Oswaldo & Maria Elsa Angel
04/12/14		Dennis & Rosa Bordenave
04/13/91	30 Years!	Mario & Elena Jimenez
04/14/84		John & Angela Gayton
04/29/73		William & Deborah Kanatsky Jr
04/30/66	55 Years!	Thomas & Claudia Mallen



Council Website Getting Updated!

Council 3744 website (www.kofc3744.org) is THE place to find breaking stories, announcements, resources and photographs! Check it out!

April Knight Birthdays

- 1 Martin Jeffers Jr
- 3 James Taylor
- 4 Dorian Daza
- 4 Howard Prochaska
- 6 Josef Kekula
- 6 Timothy O'Connor
- 7 Christopher Calsbeek
- 7 William LaPonza Jr
- 10 Bruce Baker
- 11 Martin Alvarez III
- 11 Timothy Chrysler
- 11 Msgr Timothy O'Connell
- 12 Michael Campanelli
- 14 Brian Galaviz
- 17 Ryan Engler

- 18 Sean Ricks
- 20 David Young
- 21 James Elie
- 21 William LaPonza
- 21 Brian Lopez
- 21 Rev John Rugyema
- 23 Robert Pagan
- 25 Anthony Leoni
- 28 Brian Lockwood
- 29 Michael Dorn
- 30 Tony Bellante
- 30 Ruben Gonzalez



April Spouse's Birthdays



- 2 Kim-Oanh Nguyen
- 2 Dorothy Obiora
- 3 Susan Damron
- 3 Coleen Varghese
- 4 Betsy Jones

- 5 Barbara Clark
- 5 Judy Jankowski
- 6 Elena Jimenez
- 7 Libby Farello
- 9 Gloria Valenzuela
- 10 Aida Abou-nassar
- 15 Melissa (Becca) Parsons
- 17 Marilyn Campanelli
- 23 Sue Parr Jr
- 24 Kirsten Logsdon
- 25 Judy Dell'Amico
- 26 Mary Delgado
- 28 Janelle De Stefano II

Fraternal Insurance Agent Report

Easter greetings to all my members and your families! As a time of preparation, Lent helped us focus on the sacrifice of Good Friday and the hope of the Resurrection. I hope this season brings you much joy and happiness!

That sense of rebirth that comes with our Easter celebrations also can be noticed in the change in weather. This change of weather can bring a list of "honey do's" and my list is getting longer and longer.

I've found that I'm much more efficient with a list of chores if I write down all that I need to do. Then I go back through my list and rank order them for importance. Sometimes I get to choose the order; sometimes the order is chosen for me. In either event, the best part comes when I get to cross off the chore as being done. Maybe it's the visual of seeing one more item completed...it gives me a sense of accomplishment.

In keeping with that list theme, put me on your list; up at the top somewhere since it relates to your family's financial security. A virtual meeting over the computer is a way for us to meet safely and efficiently. We can discuss your needs, wants and desires. What's changed? Let's make sure nothing stands in the way of reaching your goals. The Order has provided me with a new needs analysis program (either Profiles Professional or NaviPlan) to help you track where you are, where you want to go and how well you're progressing on your financial journey.

Mine is an item you can cross off your list that you can really feel good about it. Wishing you Easter joy! Vivat Jesus!!!

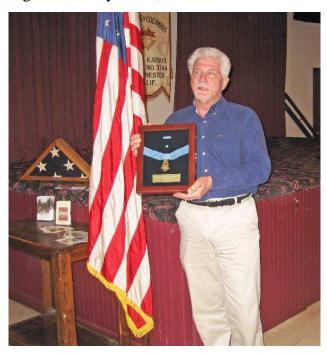
- Fraternal Insurance Agent Alfred R. Lugo, reporting



Father Emil Kapaun Will Finally Go Home

The namesake of Council 3744, Father Emil Joseph Kapaun, died in a North Korean prison camp in May 1951. An Army Chaplain and Captain during the Korean War, his earthly body was lost for nearly 70 years before a miraculous announcement was made by the Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency on March 4th. Modern DNA technology has identified Father Kapaun's remains, and he will soon be going home to where he grew up in the Czech farming community of Pilsen, Kansas. As it turned out, Chaplain Kapaun was among hundreds of unidentified soldiers returned to the U. S. as part of Operation Glory, an exchange of war dead in 1954, and for the past 66 years he has been buried as "unknown" at Honolulu's National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

In the years that have followed his death, Pope John Paul II declared Father Kapaun a Servant of God in 1993; the first step toward sainthood, while his Cause for Canonization is now being promoted in the Diocese of Wichita. He was also posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 2013, our nation's highest military honor, for meritorious actions at the Battle of Unsan.



In May 2013, Ray Kapaun, nephew of Emil, stopped by our Playa del Rey hall to spend time with Brother Knights and share his uncle's recently presented medal during an emotional evening. This April 20th marks the 105th anniversary of Father Kapaun's birth in Kansas. It greatly comforts Ray and his family, as well as all those who hold dear his uncle's memory, that this inspirational man of God and brave soldier will soon be coming home.

- Warden Mike Dorn, reporting

Help Save Our Parishes

Our Churches desperately need your help! Parishes are funded mostly by weekly collections. With in-person Mass attendance plummeting, our beloved places of worship face extreme economic hardship. Please continue your weekly giving online, through the mail, or by drop off at your local parish rectory. The good works of our religious and lay staff depend on our financial support!

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Sat 5:00pm	Web: www.masstimes.org
Sun 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00, 7:30pm	
St Jerome 310-348-8212	DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT YOUR ROSARY!

Sat 5:30pm

Sun 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:30pm

310-216-1145 Visitation

5:00pm

Sun 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am

Remember to carry your rosary at all times Pray the rosary as often as you can

Remember our deceased Brothers in your prayers.