

Petaluma Council 1586

St. James Church

April 2020

Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights

IN THE HOPES OF KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE FROM THE COVID-19 VIRUS AND ADHERING TO THE DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, SONOMA COUNTY, AND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUPREME ALL COUNCIL 1586 MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL THE THREAT OF THE VIRUS HAS BEEN ELIMINATED. WE WILL, HOWEVER, BE HOLDING OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULE MEETINGS via ZOOM THROUGH OUR GRACIOUS HOST GREG DRUKALA. PLEASE SEE GREG'S COMMENTS BELWOW ON HOW TO JOIN THE MEETING.

Cancelled activities include:

Easter Egg Hunt (April 11) April Council Meeting (April 14) Social Night (April 17) Cinco de Mayo Dinner (May 2) May Council Meeting (May 12) Social Night (May 15)

Potential activities that may be cancelled:

June Council Meeting (June 9) Social Night (June 19) Installation of New Officers (June 20) July Council Meeting (July 14) Social Night (July 17) Rummage Sale (July 18)

I am hoping that we all continue the `Shelter-In-Place' requirements and wear some sort of face mask when having to go out in public in order to flatten the curve and come to the end of this pandemic sooner rather than later. I know the list of activities cancelled and potentially cancelled is long but, keeping EVERYONE healthy and safe, far outweighs seeing your smiling faces at meetings and events.

### **`TEMPUS FUGIT, MEMENTO MORI'** *`TIME FLIES, REMEMBER DEATH'*

#### FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Even though we are all adhering to the `Shelter-In-Place' order, that doesn't mean we can't pick up the phone and call a Brother Knight, relative or friend. We all know someone that is alone, can't get around, or just bored being restricted to their home, or that person we have a quick conversation with after mass on Sunday's. Give them a call. See how they're doing. See if there is anything that you can do for them or someone they know. Most likely the phone call will be enough. It's a trying time for everyone, a friendly conversation will most likely be welcome. Your phone call could be the start of one of those `PAY IT FORWARD' movements.

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Congratulations to Dave Dibble, Doug Cooper, and their mentor Master Chef Tom Molinari for their great work on the St. Patrick's Day Dinner. As many of you know there were 130 tickets sold for the St. Patrick's Day dinner to be held on March 14. The food was purchased and delivered, the dancers were stretching in readiness for the performance, patrons were practicing their jokes on family members, the bottle were dusted off in the bar, and the kitchen help were rubbing their hands in anticipation of the Night of Green. But, on Friday March 13 we were confronted with very strong warnings from the Diocese of Santa Rosa, state government, and KofC Supreme regarding the coronavirus and its transmission. With much discussion between officers of the council and approval from Fr. Gerry it was decided to cancel the 'Sit Down Portion' of the dinner and only provide 'To Go' dinners, thus eliminating 130+ people confined to the hall. Dave, Doug, with their mentor Tom, came up with a brilliant plan to set up an assembly line which boxed all the cooked food so that it would be ready to distribute to those that had purchased tickets as they left mass or drove by. After the ticket holders received their 'To Go' boxes, others leaving Church were able to purchase a dinner. Everyone was very appreciative of the fact that we cancelled the `Sit Down Portion' of the dinner and provided `To Go' boxes. They totally understood that the dinner and dancers and joke telling would put us all in jeopardy of getting ill, and the `To Go' boxes let everyone celebrate St. Patrick's Day with corn beef and cabbage and JP's famous Irish Soda bread safe and secure in their own homes. Unfortunately, some of those that purchased tickets showed up at 6:45 by which time all the dinners were sold. Refunds were offered to those we couldn't provide dinners to.

#### CHURCH PEWS

A call went out after our last meeting regarding cleaning and staining the tops of the church pews. We had a very large turn out with a starting time of 9:30, only to find that Doug Cooper and several other Knights had arrived early and completed the first pass on the pews. A smaller crew showed up at 11:00 to put on the second coat on the pew tops. By 11:30 the pews were better than new. I'd like to thank everyone that showed up to help beautify St. James Church. When the call goes out, it is truly answered by Council 1586.

#### MONTHLY DONUNTS SALES

Postponed until the current Covid-19 pandemic has been resolved.

#### COUNCIL 1586 T-SHIRTS

We did not receive the t-shirts in time to distribute them at the March meeting. We have received them since the meeting, and distribution started before the `Shelter-In-Place' order came. I have orders for 10 Brother Knights left to distribute. As soon as the `Shelter-In-Place' order has been rescinded, I will get you your t-shirts.

#### PING PONG ANYONE

It turns out that our Squire Circle was gifted a ping pong table. That ping pong table is available to anyone that would like it. It is currently in the closet in Room 9 of the Parish Center, and Fr. Gerry would like it removed. No charitable groups are collecting items during the `Shelter-In-Place' order so it's up for grabs. If you have children and they're getting bored and full of energy, here's a perfect opportunity to give them a place to expend their energy. If you'd like it (for free) give Rich Pacini a call at 707.766.4242. First come first served.

#### SOCIAL NIGHT

Social night has been cancelled until further notice due to the Covid-19 virus.

#### 2020-2021 OFFICERS - 06.20.2020

I'd like to thank all of you that volunteered for an officer's position for the Columbian Year 2020-2021. Here is your list of officer nominees of Council 1586 for 2020-2021:

Chaplain	-	Rev. Gerry Gormley
Grand Knight	-	Dave Dibble
Deputy Grand Knight	-	Doug Cooper
Recorder	-	Vince Fausone
Treasurer	-	Jerry Matacia
Chancellor	-	Rob Dibble
Advocate	-	Jeff Lucia
Warden	-	Art Walagora
Inside Guard	-	Joe Chow
Outside Guard	-	Sonny Da Costa
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee	-	Rich Pacini

2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee	-	Mike McBride
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee	-	Greg Drukala

The following are assigned/requested officers:

Financial Secretary	-	Paul Weber
Lecturer	-	Hal Chase

#### MEMBERSHIP DUES

I am somewhat disappointed in having to add this notice into the newsletter, but after sending out the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> notices for membership dues we have 26 Brother Knights that have not, to date, paid their dues. If you haven't paid yet please do so. If you have found yourself out of work due to the current coronavirus event or if you are in a financial situation where you can't afford the dues, we have relief for you. If you've just forgot to pay or don't remember receiving the notices, please maintain your membership by paying your dues. If you have moved out of the area and haven't transferred to another Council, please let us know so we may be able to help with the transfer. If for some reason you have decided that you no longer what to be a Knight of Columbus please send us a letter indicating your withdrawal. All checks or correspondence can be sent to our Financial Secretary Paul Weber, 1431 Pheasant Drive, Petaluma, CA 94954. Please give Rich Pacini a call at 707.766.4242 if you would like to discuss financial relief from your dues.

#### KofC LIFE INSURANCE – NEW APPLICATION GUIDELINES IN THE FACE OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Knights of Columbus has been working diligently to develop guidelines to address the growing concern our members have about doing in-home exams, blood draws and urine collection for their life insurance applications. In the face of COVID-19/corona virus, we are finding that many are inquiring about increasing their life insurance coverage, as well.

Our Underwriting team has answered the call. In an unprecedented move, it was decided:

- Any member or their wife ages 18 through 59 applying for up to \$1mil in coverage requires only a telephone exam
- Any member or their wife ages 60 through 80 applying for up to \$500k in coverage requires only a telephone exam

This means, we will be suspending in-home exam visits and requiring only a telephone questionnaire in its place. Your application will be reviewed in a faster time frame, and therefore your coverage can be in place sooner.

- NO in-home visit
- NO blood draw
- NO urine collection

Our Order was founded to protect the financial well-being of Catholic families in desperate times, and in this time of crisis, we are responding to what is needed.

My office can receive and process applications via telephone or video conferencing. Please reach out to me today to take advantage of this unique situation.

Fraternally,

Deny Natividad Knights of Columbus Fraternal Insurance Agent #18483 704 Falcon Drive Vallejo, CA 94589 C: 707.334.9363 E: Prudeno.natividad@kofc.org CA LIC # 0M60382

#### AN ADDITIONAL NOTE FOR OUR INSURANCE AGENT DENY:

March 27, 2020

Dear Brother

First and foremost, I hope and pray that you and your family are safe and well!

As we face these unprecedented times, the Knights of Columbus is in the forefront making sure that our members and their families are cared for. I want to continue to provide you with the service and the products available to you and the challenge is to do that in a way mindful of our duty to preserve the health and well-being of our members and their families.

The Supreme Office has developed a way for us to meet virtually over the internet to be able to continue to take care of all your insurance needs. I am now able to meet with you virtually using the Skype meeting application. This platform is familiar to many consumers and it is easy to connect to, even for those who have not used it before. It can be used with a variety of devices. In addition to being able to see each other, Skype allows me to share my screen with you so you can see forms and other graphics as needed.

While this way for us to meet may be new, my commitment to you and your family remains the same. My goal is to see Fr. McGivney's vision of protecting all Catholic families become a reality.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. I stand ready to help.

Fraternally,

Prudeno L Natividad Field Agent

May God Bless You, Your Family, our Council, and our St. James Community

Rich Pacini

Grand Knight



Men's retreat in Mendocino replaced with 5 night video retreat starting Monday 8pm. Email for web link. <u>dsryouth@srdiocese.org</u> (from Steve Morris)



5 Sessions each Monday & Wednesday night 8 – 9pm Mon. March 30<sup>th</sup>: Kerygma & Call to Faith

Wed. April 1 <sup>st</sup> :	The Father
Mon. April 6 <sup>th</sup> :	Sons & Brothers <holy week=""></holy>
Wed. April 8 <sup>th</sup> :	Resurrection <holy week=""></holy>
Mon. April 13 <sup>th</sup> :	Sent Ones <easter monday=""></easter>

### You want in? Let me know and I'll email you back with the Zoom link.

--In His Name, Stephen M. Morris. 310-849-2342.

## Scholarship Applications – by Ed Kilgore

Due to the Coronavirus closing schools and etc. the filing date for scholarships will be postponed until further notice. Depending when the schools get back in session will have a bearing on when we grade and issue the scholarship check. If you have anyone applying for one please have them continue and to get it in anyway.

## **Notes from the January Meeting**

Not available.

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## Officers for the Columbian Year 2019-20

Council Chaplain – Fr. Michael Culligan Grand Knight – Richard Pacini Financial Secretary – **Paul Weber** Deputy Grand Knight – David Dibble Chancellor – Jairo Leiva Recorder – Vince Fausone Treasurer – Rich Sievers Advocate – Jeffrey Lucia Warden – Robert Dibble Inside Guard – **Doug Cooper** Outside Guard – Jerry Matacia

Trustees: 1st Year – Michael Mc Bride 2nd Year – Gregory Drukala 3rd Year – Steven Gies

### **Upcoming Events**

Monthly Business Meeting	Tuesday, March 10 @ 7:30p See Video Conference Instructions Below. No meeting at Church!	Room 9
Social (K)night	Friday, April 17 @ 7:30 pm NO SOCIAL NIGHT in APRIL	Paul's house
Rosary	ON HOLD	Church

# **Council Meeting Tuesday April 14, 7:30pm**

# **Video Conference Instructions**

(You can join in from any browser by clicking this link:

https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/666204445 or read on for more instructions)

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Topic: KofC 1586 Council Meeting Time: Tuesday April 14, 7:30pm Zoom Meeting ID: 666204445

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/666204445

Or iPhone one-tap (US Toll): +16699006833,666204445# or +13462487799,666204445#

Or Telephone: Dial: +1 669 900 6833 (US Toll) +1 253 215 8782 (US Toll) +1 301 715 8592 (US Toll) +1 312 626 6799 (US Toll) Meeting ID: 666 204 445

## Message from the Newsletter Editor

All members of Council 1586 are welcome to place articles in the council newsletter. All articles must be received no later than <u>the last day of the month</u> in order to be published in the next month's newsletter. For more information or to place an article in the newsletter, contact Greg Drukala <u>gdrukala@gmail.com</u> or <u>kofc1586@gmail.com</u>

# A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresce of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Heip) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Path (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrice di Sen Pistro/M. Petcioni.

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill. for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

