



*Knights of Columbus*  
**ST. MICHAEL'S COUNCIL 15625**  
**TRAVIS AFB, CA**  
**DIVISION 3, DISTRICT 15**  
**JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2023**



**Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intention**

**JANUARY-For educators**

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

**FEBRUARY-For parishes**

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



**Grand Knight:**  
**Br. Alberto Velazquez**

Brothers, we have completed the first half of the Columbian year. Thank you and your families for your support. I would like to thank the spouses who attended our November general council meeting. Their continued presence at our council meetings will help solidify our commitment to family in the KofC. Please take the time to reflect on our past good works and look forward to the remainder of the year for opportunities to demonstrate our faith in action. Pray for our LORD'S guidance as we enter the New Year, that you may continue to grow in your ministries in supporting Fr. Jeff, St Michael Catholic Community, Travis AFB airman, and the KofC. Events coming soon: Please join us and the nation for the Walk for Life on January 21, 2023. Volunteer to help with the Intellectually Disabled Tootsie Roll Drive February 3-5. Thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. Matthew 22:37-40



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**District 15 District Deputy Corner**  
**George Bagley**



Writing to you from beautiful Hawaii. I hope and trust that all of you are faring well.

It is with regret that I report that Lady Deborah Cruz, the spouse of SK Francis Cruz passed on to meet her heavenly family on Friday, December 23rd. And his Father Francis Sr. Passed on a few hours earlier on Thursday December 22nd. "Eternal rest grant unto Deborah and Francis Sr. O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen"

The State Council Novena for Life goes from January 12th to the 20th. There will be information as it gets closer. It will be pre-recorded and shown on you tube for each day. For the purposes of reporting, it is a Faith Holy Hour Reflection Program.(not an Life Program) You will be able to watch it at any time on youtube. My vacation is somewhat interrupted as I am preparing to give a 5-8 minute talk on this at Visalia. Following the Novena is the annual Walk for Life set for Saturday January 21st. The next Chapter meeting is in Elk Grove at Good Shepherd Parish on Saturday January 14th. I am expecting that the Grand Knight or an officer representative from each Council will please be there. ALTHOUGH, I invite any interested member to attend and see what's going on at the Chapter and State level. LOTS OF RELEVANT INFORMATION.

Please help you Financial Secretary by filling out the Annual Fraternal Survey. Be sure to include your spouse's volunteer hours as well.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

**Please pray for our Priests and Deacon, RSVP Paul Sizemore and for all the Knights of Columbus.**

**In our Council, please pray for:**

SK Daniel Tatum, SK David Brodsky, SK Jesus Molinar, SK Peter and Patty Chenaille, SK Tenari Tuatagaloa, SK Mario Saccuman, SK Tom Quinn, SK Robert Normand, his wife Suchin and sister Jeanine, SK Mark Cymanski's mother Barbara, SK Robert Stambaugh's father Bill, SK Ignacio Villanueva's son Brian, SK Joe Patch III's grandson Luke, SK Dominick Amadeo's sister Frances LaFathe and Robert Visda and his son, Judy Waelbrock's daughter Tina Waelbrock, Laurie Evalle and Carol Amadeo and Fr. Jeff's daughter Teresa Henry.

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the Sick, we turn to You in this time of illness. O dearest Comforter of the Troubled, alleviates our worry and sorrow with Your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden.

Dear God, we place our worries in Your hands. We ask that You restore Your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your Holy will and know that whatsoever You do, you do for the love of us. Amen



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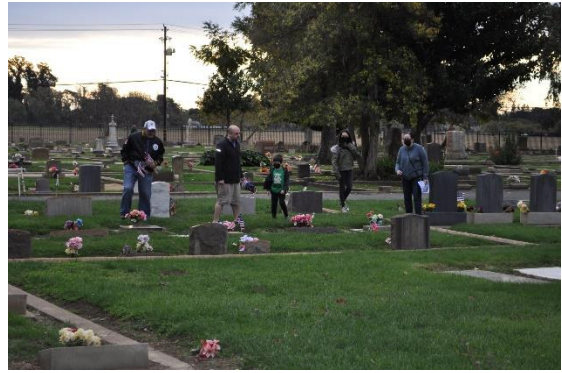


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## What's going on in our Council both Past and Future

**Veterans Day Flag Placement:** Scheduled for November 5th along with the placing of flags at the Rockville Cemetery, Knights, families and community participated in laying flags on veteran grave sites to honor them on Veterans Day.



**Coats for Kids:** by SK Daniel Tatum. On Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, Council members distributed 96 coats to the families that can't afford gifts through the Salvation Army. Annually, Council donates funds to buy jackets of various sizes to the Salvation Army Annual Angel Tree food and children's gift program. They provide food for needy families along with clothes and toys for children during the Christmas Season. From offering a shoulder to cry on, to meeting any immediate need for shelter or supplies, to connecting people with long term recovery services, the Salvation Army volunteers ensure that families don't have to face tough times alone.



**Christmas Children's Gift Drive** by SK John Evalle. This year, we donated over 40 gifts to the Solano County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Their mission is to ensure that each abused and neglected child under the protection of the court has a consistent caring adult volunteer who helps them reach their full potential.



**Council Meeting with family:** On Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, the Council had it's first Council meeting that included families. About six wives and children attended along with their husbands. This is an opportunity to get the family involved in what the Council does for the community and to get their inputs.



**District 15 Deputy, SK George Bagley, Star Council Award Announcement:** SK George Bagley attended the November meeting to present the 2021-2022 Star Council Award to Grand Knight SK Alberto Velazquez. Along with the presentation, The District 15 Deputy awarded medals to the Council for bringing in new members and for winning the many State Activity Awards.



**Council Christmas Party:** On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Council had it's annual Christmas Party. The theme was a Christmas Luau with roasted pig, chicken adobe and other goodies. After dinner, a White Elephant gift giving occurred with fantastic gifts received by all.



**NORCAL Advent Retreat:** On December 10<sup>th</sup> members of our Council attended this retreat at St. Clare's Church in Roseville. The Retreat started with Mass followed by a continental breakfast, Benediction, Confession, Rosary and a discussion and ending with lunch.



**CMI Donation:** This summer, our council and assembly made a donation to the CMI. The Congregation of Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI) is the first indigenous religious congregation in the Catholic Church of India. Priests that have filled in for Fr Jeff and celebrated the Holy Mass on Travis AFB--Fr Sijo, Fr Joshi and Fr Reji--are all from the CMI seminary in India. The seminary greatly appreciates our donation and said the money was used to build a grotto in front of the seminary. This will be a place primarily for the seminarians to grow in filial devotions to Our Lady. It is also a space for prayer and silence for all the people in the neighborhood. The Rector of the seminary wants to thank us all for the support of Carmelite Priests. They also want to assure prayers for us all. Attached is the note we received from them thanking us for our donation.

**Family of the Month:**



August-The Rivera Family



September-The Adjoyi Family



October-The Pietrowski Family

**FUTURE EVENTS**

**Free Throw Contest** by SK Robert Stambaugh: Currently scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup> at the Base Recreation Center. Announcements will start on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Those families wanting to participate should sign up with SK Robert Stambaugh.

**Donut Sunday** by SK Larry Mastin: The Donut Sunday was conducted on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Looking for volunteers.

**Walk for Life:** Scheduled for January 21st. Want to go? Contact SK Robert Stambaugh.

**Tootsie Roll Drive** by SK Daniel Tatum: Had difficulty getting approval for the event. However, SK Alberto has worked with the legal office to get the program back on track for approval that will come soon. The drive is currently scheduled for February 3-5.

**CASA Crab Feed:** The organization that we donated our Christmas Children Gifts to is having a Crab Feed on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Attached is a flyer for more information.

**Peak** by SK Alberto Velazquez: The Council will prepare the dinner every other month. The next dinner is on February 15th normally starting at 1600 hours. Contact SK Alberto Velazquez if you would like to volunteer.

For other activities, check out the District 15 Activities Schedule (attached) that comes out the first of each month. It provides not only our activities but also other District Council activities.

Lecturer Meditation Message:  
Joe Patch III

“The story of Christ’s life and ministry cannot be told without giving due space to Satan’s activity. The Gospel writers carefully distinguish between cases of mere physical ailments and cases of a demonic character (both of which Jesus cures). Jesus frequently refers to the devil in his parables and other teachings, and the devil himself tempts Jesus in the desert and returns again later to engineer Judas’ betrayal (cf. Jn 13:2). This Gospel motif teaches us an undeniable, if uncomfortable lesson: the devil is real, and he is interested in counteracting the work of grace. In one sense, accepting this fundamental truth, and keeping it always in the back of our minds, can comfort us tremendously: it helps us make sense of all the unpleasant influences at work in and around us. We are not crazy; we are not failures; we are simply engaged in a spiritual battle. If we believe in Jesus Christ, we must also believe in the devil—doomed as he is, he would love to take as many souls as he can along with him.”  
—Fr. John Bartunek, p. 350



Supreme Chaplain’s Monthly Challenge

Each month, Archbishop William Lori, Supreme Chaplain of the Knights Columbus, selects a brief passage from the Gospel reading of one of the Sunday Masses of the month. He then shares a brief reflection on the passage and issues a challenge for men to live for the month. Here it is:



**“Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”** (Gospel for Jan. 29, Mt 5:11-12a) It often isn’t popular to be a true follower of Jesus. That can especially be the case when we express our faith in public ways. For example, many Christians who have prayed outside an abortion facility have experienced hostility for their beliefs. But when we stand up courageously for truth and righteousness — even when we face opposition or persecution to do so — we know we do so as followers of Christ.

**Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month, I challenge you to give witness to your faith and love by supporting the pro-life cause in some concrete way, such as by donating your time or other resources. Second, I challenge you to participate in the ASAP, Novena for Life, and/or March for Life programs.

**Questions for Reflection:**

Are you willing to suffer as a disciple of Christ, as Jesus warned would happen? Do you sometimes fail to speak up for your faith or moral values out of a desire to be liked by others or to not “rock the boat”? What concrete, practical things can you do to strengthen your willingness and ability to publicly witness to your faith, even when it might be unpopular — or come with a cost?

4th Degree 4-Chaplains Assembly  
FN Sir Knight Sal DiMarco III

My Worthy Sir Knights of 4 Chaplains Assembly 3557, Happy Year’s to you and your family. As I look back at the first 6 months of this year, we have been a bit busy doing the many things that help make our Council’s, Assembly, Parish and Communities we serve great. As we look forward to the next 6 months let us continue to do the same.



For those of you who are not yet 4th degree we will have several opportunities to do so, this coming next 6 months. Starting with the one on January 28, 2023. If you would like to move up please see one of the 4th degree Sir Knights in your Council for more information.

In closing, please be safe this New Year Even if you’re traveling, or staying at home with your family, friends and neighbors.

4th Degree Honor Guard  
SK Alberto Velazquez

Assembly 3557 honor guard supported the chapter wide callout for Father Antony Vazhappily’s celebration of his 40th Anniversary of his Ordination on December 19, 2022. We had three members of our assembly along with 27 other honor guards attend this auspicious occasion to help Fr. Anthony celebrate his 40 years of serving God and God’s children.



I invite all fourth degree Sir Knights to consider joining the Honor Guard. Join us in training sessions after every Assembly meeting. Where you can ask questions, participate in drills and discuss what we do.

BIRTHDAYS

January

- 11 Peter Chenaille
- 23 Michael Fitzgerald
- 26 Philip Norman
- 29 Ener Cao
- 31 Johnny Martinez

February

- 5 John Evalle

ANNIVERSARYS

January

- 1 Robert and Betty Rivera
- 5 Allan and Christy Pascual
- 18 Jeffrey and Yolanda Sabido
- 13 Dan and Mary D’Innocenti
- 13 Paul and Nannette Jones

February

- 1 Francisco and Lily Jane Recinto
- 4 Josef and Rosa O’Brien
- 7 Mario and Rachel Saccuman

CATHOLIC HUMOR

Maybe this is not the Christmas to ask for everything we want, Linus.



Maybe this year we just need to be thankful for all we have.

FROM THE EDITOR

Dan D'Innocenti Newsletter is published every two months. If you have comments or contributions, please provide it to [dinnoc6f@gmail.com](mailto:dinnoc6f@gmail.com). Please advise if your email address changes to this email address.



the seminarians to grow in their filial devotion to our lady !! It is also a space of prayer and silence for the people in the neighbourhood !!

The Rector of the seminary wants me to thank you all for your concern and support for the future Carmelite Priests! They want to assure prayers for you all !!  
Yours in Xt,  
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Dear Loving Roger & the members of the Council,  
This is to greatly acknowledge and thank you most sincerely for your contribution to the Seminary  
**Thank You!**

The amount was given to the Rector of the seminary, back in India and he used it towards their noble project of building a grotto of our lady, mother Mary in front of the seminary! This will be a place primarily for



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**THE END-See below for SASA Crab Feed**



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