



Victor Valley Council 4228 In Service to All

COUNCIL PRAYER LIST

BROTHER KNIGHTS

Al Ross
Charlie LaFrano

George Obregon
Mike Pagano

Richard Katz

KNIGHT'S LADIES

Carmen Pagano
Emma Obregon

Sharon Peterson
Sue O'Keefe

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Our Council Supporters

Our Deceased Brothers

Ramona Whitesock RIP

If you would like us to keep a Brother Knight, a Knight's Lady or your Special Intention in our prayers, please contact our Sunshine Chairman, Brother Sam Dearman at 949-4072.

SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

BROTHER KNIGHT'S BIRTHDAYS

2/1 - Mr. Leo Astgen
2/3 - Mr. Joseph Costantino
2/4 - Mr. Ernest Martell
2/6 - Mr. James Kocis
2/7 - Mr. Tim Whitesock
2/10 - Mr. Mario Gutierrez
2/10 - Mr. Ronald Manna
2/11 - Mr. Ralph Garza

2/14 - Mr. Joe McNaught
2/14 - Mr. David Rangel
2/15 - Mr. Ronald Dane
2/15 - Mr. Frank Prinzivalli
2/17 - Mr. Laurence Kennedy
2/18 - Mr. Juan Lugo
2/19 - Mr. Rosario Caro
2/19 - Mr. Gabino De La Cruz

2/20 - Mr. Eric Massie
2/23 - Mr. Marc Goodman
2/23 - Mr. Mark Rogers
2/27 - Mr. Luciano Redé
2/28 - Mr. Brain Wan
2/29 - Mr. Valentin Godina

KNIGHT'S LADIES BIRTHDAYS

2/2 - Mrs. Julie Gonzales
2/2 - Mrs. Delores Schlemmer
2/5 - Mrs. Barbara Knostman

2/7 - Mrs. Sheila Whitesock
2/8 - Mrs. Lorraine Padilla
2/15 - Mrs. Lorena Valero

2/20 - Mrs. Renate Holz

ANNIVERSARIES

2/1 - Mr. & Mrs. Leo Astgen
2/2 - Mr. & Mrs. Sixto Castillo III
2/8 - Mr. & Mrs. Humberto Villalon

2/13 - Mr. & Mrs. Tony Vargas
2/22 - Mr. & Mrs. Mark Wells
2/24 - Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Sacco
2/26 - Mr. & Mrs. Miguel Lopez

2/27 - Mr. & Mrs. Brian Skiffington



COUNCIL CONTACT LIST

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Recorder	Mike Murphy	(760) 949-8132
Treasurer	Enrique Valdez Jr	(760) 217-2995
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Warden	Frank Perez	(760) 949-3835
Inside Guard	Enrique Valdez Sr	(760) 947-7355
Outside Guard	Al Morales	(760) 947-4398
First Year Trustee	Domenic Martinelli	(760) 947-8661
Second Year Trustee	Jesse Navarette	(760) 947-8317
Third Year Trustee	Bill Korch	(760) 240-0603

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The officer meetings are held every first Wednesday of the month and the regular general meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. All members in good standing are eligible and invited to attend either one or both council meetings.

FIRST DEGREE TEAM

The First Degree Team is seeking new members to join us in this very important and satisfying endeavor. The team has been together for quite a while and we need new members to ensure new Brothers receive the best experience possible when they enter into Knighthood. Positions range from small, non-speaking roles to roles that require a lot of speaking. In joining the team, we ask for a commitment of an average of two hours a month. We meet the 4th Wednesday of every month. One month we practice and one month we have the actual degree. If you are interested, please contact our Degree Captain John Guajardo at (760) 244-9383 or (760) 953-9750.

FIELD AGENT'S REPORT - RETIREMENT

In a previous column I wrote specifically to baby boomers regarding the "r" word – retirement. I presented some dire facts regarding the current state of employer-provided pension plans. That was the bad news. The good news – you can do something about it.

Think of retirement as a three legged stool. In order to maintain balance, you need all three legs... or there is a real possibility of a crash! One leg consists of the benefits he government offers you. Debate rages about the viability of future benefits, and my best advice is to stay tuned to the discussion and make sure you are aware of what is planned



for those benefits. Any change in future promises should be accounted for when we get to the third leg.

The second leg is your company's pension plan, either defined benefit (such as a traditional pension: you work so many years and the company provides you with so much monthly benefit) or defined contribution (such as the popular 401K plans). Again, some of these plans, particularly traditional, are under stress. Learn how yours works; read the plan description; stay on top of the news coming from the company. On the 401K side, become a good investor. Teach yourself the fundamentals of good diversification and know how much you have and when you will need it.

Finally, the third leg, the one that you can exercise the most control over – the saving you do yourself. Everyone needs this third leg. It consists of the money you yourself set aside on a disciplined basis to help in retirement. You don't directly control government benefits and you don't directly manage your company's pension plan. But you do manage your own life.

Establish a retirement plan on your own. Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income that you cannot outlive at retirement. That's right – guarantee you an income you cannot outlive. That will really provide you with piece of mind.

As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about the one thing you can do to help yourself. It's reasonably priced (\$300 to start), guaranteed, and controlled by someone you trust – you! I'm at (760) 244-6048 or Arthur.luna@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

Arthur Luna, FICF, CSA
Your Field Agent with Affordable Solutions

COUNCIL ROSARY

Please join us the second Friday of every month at the Knights of Columbus hall to pray the rosary in honor of deceased Knights, deceased family members and for any special intentions. This is a very worthwhile event and all Brothers are invited to join us. Immediately following, we share a potluck meal and usually end up playing cards. Make plans to come out and have some fun with us. For details and additional information, contact Bill Parker at (760) 955-7540.

HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STAR FOOTBALL CLASSIC II

This year's event is scheduled for March 14th. This year, we are planning a combine, which is athletic testing, from 8AM to Noon, followed by a Battle of the local High School Bands from Noon to 5PM. This is an event that supports the entire community by providing scholarships for seniors entering college. This event is huge and as such needs the help of many Knights to ensure success. We need Brothers to help. There is still time to get



involved and help make this event a huge success. Please contact Brother Carl Rapp at 760-956-5791 as soon as possible and let us know you can donate some of your time to help the youth of the area.

HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

Our annual Horseshoe Tournament is scheduled for May 17th. Festivities start at noon. Please make plans now to join us for a very nice event. If you would like to be involved in planning this event, geared for the entire family, make sure to come to the next general meeting, scheduled for February 11th. This is your Council and we want to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to make a difference. So, get involved.

FIRST AID TRAINING

We are exploring the possibility of working with the Red Cross to provide First Aid Training. One of the conditions of holding the class is ensuring that the class will consist of at least twenty individuals. If this is something that you may be interested in attending, please contact Brother Ralph Sacco at (760) 887-4540.

NEWSLETTER HELP

Did you join the Knights to help? Are you familiar with Microsoft Word? Do you like to write? Are you creative? If you answered yes to these questions, we have an opportunity for you. We need someone to take over composing the Council Newsletter. The best news is that we have a template for you that would make the transition very easy. Please contact Grand Knight Gil Olivarez at (760) 948-1807.

COUNCIL WEBSITE

The council website, which is at kofchesperia.org, is being re-designed and updated. If you are interested in providing information for the website, contact Grand Knight Gil Olivarez at (760) 948-1807.

SQUIRES HELP

Did you join the Knights to make a difference in someone's life? With all the negative influences in the world today, do you feel that young men need a place to turn? If you answered yes to both of these questions, the Squires are the answer. Our Squires Circle, who just three years ago was recognized as being the best Circle in the entire state of California is in dire need of counselors. Work demands and relocations have taken a toll on the existing counselors and as such the Circle has become stagnant. A good program is in place and the Circle has funds to be self-sufficient but the needed time to make the program successful has been very hard to come by. This can be very rewarding for someone who has the time and energy to guide the boys. If you can help, please contact David Rangel at (760) 985-5374 or email him at drangel@verizon.net. We need at least three counselors to assume the program and make it successful. Please, we would hate to see this program go by the wayside. If you can help, make the call!



BANQUET HALL FOR RENT

The Knights of Columbus Hall is located in the heart of Hesperia. The hall sits on a 2 ½ acre parcel with plenty of parking. The facility seats up to 125 people, has a fully stocked bar and kitchen, In addition, catering is available. This site has plenty of room for any outdoor activities. Our facility is a great location for any of the following events:

Quincenieras

Sweet 16's

Banquets or Parties

Fiestas

Bodas

Weddings

Business Meetings

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For information, please call Ralph Sacco at

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*** Council Members are entitled to a 10% discount!**



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