



## THE MITRE

*The Bishop Gallegos Assembly #2336  
Galt, California  
Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus  
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### **The Faithful Navigator's Report SK Dan Aguiar**

Worthy Sir Knights,

Well another month has gone by. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and were able to spend time with their family. I hope everyone is doing well. We did not have our regular meeting last week as we lacked a quorum. I am sorry that more Sir Knights were not able to attend. We are getting ready for the Hoedown on December 4<sup>th</sup>. I hope that you are able to attend as it will be our first function in 1 1/2 years. Hopefully this is a sign of things to come. We will have a planning meeting next month but we will not have a regular meeting due to Christmas. I hope everyone has a blessed holiday and a great New Year. Thank you for all you do as Knights for your Assembly and your Parish. You make a difference.



GOD BLESS  
FN DANIEL AGUIAR

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### **Faithful Comptroller's Report SK Michael Jones**

I sincerely hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Day with family and friends. May your Christmas Season be filled with Love, Joy and fond memories as we prepare for this wonderful time of the year, the celebration of the birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

### **CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

Our Assembly will be sending approved charitable donation to the following organizations:

- Veterans Home of California - Yountville \$250.00
- California Columbian Charities, Inc. (365 Club) \$250.00
- American Wheelchair Mission \$300.00
- Blinded Veterans Assoc. \$200
- Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. Military Chaplain Fund \$200.00

Thank you Sir Knights for the generous donation and fraternal support with assisting these not-for-profit organizations!



## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES**

The Annual Membership Dues 2021-2022 will be mailed and emailed on December 1, 2021. Dues are \$25. If you have a hardship or know of a SK with a hardship, please let me know. The Faithful Comptroller will mail you your new 2022 membership card.

## **THE NEXT FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2022 (IN PERSON CEREMONY)**

Saint Junipero Serra Province 143rd Exemplification of the Fourth Degree starts at 1:00 PM January 29, 2022 at the Cathedral in San Francisco. Our Lady of Mercy Parish 1 Elmwood Dr. Daly City, CA 94015 Honoree: TBD. Fourth Degree \$70 registration fee. Our Assembly pays \$25 of the candidates registration fee. Candidates must complete a Form 4 and submit to our Assembly prior to the registration deadline. Checks are to be payable to the Assembly. Please see new Form 4 10/20 (attached)

## **CA STATE COUNCIL ONLINE MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION**

Our Communities and Parishes are starting to open up. Sir Knights are needed to help with this new beginning. Supreme announced that free online membership using the promo code MCGIVNEY2020 has been extended through the end of this Columbian Year 06/2022. Every man who joins online at [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join) will pay \$0 first-year dues by entering the promo code MCGIVNEY2020.

## **ANNUAL WESTERN HOEDOWN**

Our annual Western Hoedown BBQ and Chicken Dinner is Saturday December 4, 2021. It will be held at the St. Joseph Parish Social Hall at 9961 Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove, CA, 95624. Tickets are \$25.00 per person or \$45.00 per couple, and youth are \$12. A no host bar opens at 5:30pm followed by dinner at 6:30pm (see attached flyer). Please wear your favorite western attire. Ticket deadline is Wednesday, December 1, 2021. If you are attending, please bring a raffle gift. This event will be catered by catered by Buckhorn's BBQ.

## **A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC**

In this time of distress please continue to pray for all our Sir Knights, Ladies and all our families and all our communities. Please let us know if any Sir Knights or their Ladies or families need to be added to our prayer list.

Supreme link: <http://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/articles/novena-prayer-for-protection.html>

Grand Knights - please check your members and if any Brothers are in distress, one way to help is Columbian Charities (365 Club):

<https://www.californiaknights.org/culture-of-life/california-columbian-charities-365club/>  
CORONAVIRUS / COVID-19

I pray you and your families are doing well. For sure these are trying times for us all. Please see the COVID Response Program Guidebook (attached).

Here are some important steps we are asking our councils to take such as:

Establish a Council 'Phone Tree' in order to reach out to each of their respective members and ask how they are doing.

Reach out to their Pastor and ask how they can help the parish. One suggestion is to help to reach out to all elderly parishioners to see how they are coping and if they are in need of help.

Reach out to your respective Diocese to see how you and your Councils can help.

We know there are some doing similar efforts already and we are blessed they are doing so. All we ask is that they do it in concert with the diocese, the chapter and the state. Together we will survive this serious health issue and show our communities just who the Knights of Columbus are: Knights of Faith, Knights of Charity, and Knights of Action.

## **RECRUITING DURING THE PANDEMIC**

Be Creative "Can Do Attitude"

- Leave No Neighbor Behind
- Run Ad and Church posters "Why Join & Join Now"
- Use Social Media and other Ads
- Boost your Facebook Ads
- Pulpit announcements
- Ask men helping as Ushers, cleaning Church and pews
- Ask men attending virtual Council Fraternal Benefits Seminar
- Ask men volunteering at local food bank

## **RECRUITMENT**

Recruiting new members is essential to the continued growth and well-being of your council and the Order. We are a brotherhood of Catholic men who each play a part in improving the world around us, one community at a time. We stand together in faith and are dedicated to upholding our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to the Knights' respective countries through active membership in the Fourth Degree Assembly. I request you Sir Knights to reach out to your Council Third Degree Brother Knights and ask them to join the Patriotic Degree of the Order.

## **THE NEW 4TH DEGREE UNIFORM**

Effective 12/31/2020, the new uniform is the only uniform allowed on all Honor Guard call-outs. The Supreme Knight and the Supreme Master issued a new directive to the District Masters at their Provincial Meeting. The tuxedo and dark suits are not allowed to march or process with the uniformed Honor Guard. The reason for this is to maintain uniformity in the ranks.

The New 4th Degree official dress uniform can be purchased at Knights of Columbus Knights Gear <http://www.knightsgear.com>. If you want to join the Assembly Honor Guard, we will finance your new 4th Degree official dress uniform. For more information, please see the Faithful Comptroller. If you are an Honor Guard member and no longer using your regalia, please consider donating your uniform to the Bishop Gallegos Assembly #2336.

**Honor Guard Captain's Report**  
**SK Mike Amparan**



Worthy Sir Knights,

I would like to start off by saying that I hope that all of my Brothers are doing well and their families are also doing well.

The Honor Guard continues to practice and prepare for the next competition. We have a title to defend and intend to keep it!



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**Mitre Editor's Report**

**SK Marcus Mimnaugh**



Happy December birthdays! Please wish these SKs a Happy Birthday:

- Carlton H Heppell 03
- Thomas E Mbara 06
- Felix C Onukwugha 10
- Rev William L Kraft 11
- Bob Jett 12
- John M Slamkowski 16
- Maximo B Avila 19
- Gary G Gilmore 20
- Joseph L Schaffhausen 21

If your birthday is not listed, please let me know.

We are experiencing difficulty with the website. Please be patient and we will have it up and running soon.

Please Pray for Our Sick Brother Sir Knights and their Families:

Steve Machado  
Keith and Raquel Henry

Michael Breverly  
Arlene Costello

Charles and Ester Obiora  
Jack Kasper  
Pat and Niel Evans  
Dan and Ofelia Wayne  
Rick Garcia  
Baby Abby Montgomery  
Baby Arianna Starkweather

Phil Cruz and Family  
Dennis Zanardi  
Richard P. Ramirez  
Don and Barbara Schulte  
Santiago Morales  
Barry Renn  
Bob Jett

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### December

- Planning Meeting, Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
  - St. Joseph Parish
- Business Meeting, Cancelled due to Christmas
  - CCC Galt

### January

- Planning Meeting, Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
  - CCC Galt
- Business Meeting, Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
  - CCC Galt



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