



# The Navigator

Knights of Columbus - Fourth Degree

Junipero Serra Assembly 0044

July 2013

*Siempre Adalento (Always Forward) Fr Serra's Motto*

## CALENDAR

Star Spangled Lady's Night In BBQ,  
St Raphael's Conf Room A & B 6 PM  
15 Jul  
August Officer's Meeting 05 Aug  
August Dinner Meeting 19 Aug  
Installation of Officers ? Aug

## STAR SPANGLED LADY'S NIGHT IN BBQ

In honor of Independence Day and in prayerful gratitude for all throughout the ages who have protected our freedom, we will be having a Star Spangled Lady's Night In BBQ on **MONDAY 15 JULY** in **CONF ROOM A & B** at St Rafael. We will start with a "SOCIAL HOUR" AT 6 P and serve a **BBQ DINNER AROUND 6:30 P**. Our cowboy chefs have promised us a finger-licking BBQ of potato salad, beef ribs, corn on the cob and watermelon. The cost will be **\$7.00**. Suggested attire is casual patriotic dress to show our gratitude for all that America stands for.

## NEEDS RIDE

SK Jim Wasil at Villa Santa Barbara would like to come to the meetings, if someone can pick him up. Let him know at 964-7511

## COLOR GUARD NEWS

Paul Coyne would like to thank the Color Guard who marched in the Spirit of 76 Parade and who participated in the celebrations of Confirmations, Ed Barrier's Wedding, Bishop Diego's Graduation and Member's Funerals.

## BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

The following Sir Knights will have celebrated, or will celebrate a birthday during the month of July. We will honor them at our August dinner meeting with special recognition, and for those able to attend the meeting, a free dinner.

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| Dea Wayne M Rascati   | 3 July  |
| Rev Maurice O Mahoney | 8 July  |
| Francis C .Arnoult    | 10 July |
| Robert N. Marks       | 15 July |
| Bernard M. Jochum     | 17 July |
| Patrick Donohoe       | 24 July |
| Rufino Murillo        | 30 July |
| James Abels           | 30 July |
| Rev. Tomas Elias      | ? July  |

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## **INCOMING FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S NOTE**

As your new upcoming Faithful Navigator, I wanted to reassure all my fellow Knights that I will devote all my limited spare time to the desire for continuing the worthy efforts of our great assembly. I come with some early experience with navigating (sailboats), and even some more recent experience leading our parish council at Holy Cross, on the Mesa. I pledge to steer us in a worthy direction!

My most recent efforts in the parish life has been working with little kids and having the sobering responsibility of keeping 11-12 kids quiet long enough to teach the catholic faith, and be a good witness and role model so that next generation can be grounded in the sure knowledge that they have a kind and loving God. This opportunity before me now, taken with great humility, will undoubtedly be challenging but rewarding. I look forward to it with faith-filled enthusiasm and hope each of our assembly members will bear with me as we steer a course as near our mark as possible. I value each of our members input and hard work and especially your friendship and trust.

I always try to remind myself during these challenging times. I am a Catholic Christian first (and Knight), an American second, and whatever party affiliation third. I like this quote from Columbia magazine by our Pope Francis: "What does freedom mean? It is certainly not doing whatever you want, allowing yourself to be dominated by the passions, to pass from one experience to another without discernment, to follow the fashions of the day; freedom does not mean, so to speak, throwing everything that you don't like out the window....Let us not be afraid of life commitments, commitments that take up and concern our life! In this way, our life will be fruitful! And this is freedom: to have the courage to make these decisions with generosity."

I look forward to serving.

Vivat Jesus! Jim Garland Starboard!!!!!!

## **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

SK Steve Schlesselman, SK Jim Wasil, Bro. Fritz Cahill and his son Tom Cahill, SK Joseph Connolly (Council 1684 & Color Guard), SK Bernie Jochum, SK Al Meckelborg, Judy Klinge wife of SK Brian Klinge, SK John Bravo, Camille Moynihan, widow of SK John Moynihan, Terry Pugh wife of SK Earl Pugh, Denise Swiacki wife of SK Walter Swiacki, Donna Abels wife of SK Jim Abels, Ray Villa, Anita Pullens and Soccorro Sieckmann, brother-in-law and sisters-in-law to SK Felix Sanchez, Sr. Teresa Meza, Sister of SK José Meza, Joe Vampola, brother of SK Mark Vampola, Nancy Herrera, widow of SK Pablo Herrera, Maureen Lacey, widow of SK John Lacey, Alice Velasco, wife of SK Bruce Velasco, Patricia Puerling, wife of SK Tom Puerling, Patricia Schrader, wife of SK Roy Schrader, Fr. Dennis Collins of Our Lady of Sorrows and Fr. Tom Ellis.

Pray for Pope Francis, our bishops, priests and deacons who are our spiritual leaders in our spiritual community.

## **THANK YOU NOTE FROM HAL THOMPSON'S DAUGHTER**

Dear Paul: I can't express enough gratitude for everything you made possible for my father Harold Thompson's funeral. The service was graced by the Knights of Columbus' presence and generous gift of an engraved chalice. I hope one day to hear that the chalice arrived safely to Uganda; but, know the spirit of its intention is a gift beyond any measure. Thank you for your support and kindness during this time of loss. My family is truly grateful. Please extend our appreciation to the Knights who graced their presence in the procession. Thank you also for the dedication of prayers and Masses by the Brothers of the Trinity Missions. God Bless You. Most Sincerely, Ruth Thompson Green.



## POPE FRANCIS ENCYCLICAL LETTER *LIGHT OF FAITH* INTRODUCTION

There is an urgent need, then, to see once again that faith is a light, for once the flame of faith dies out, all other lights begin to dim. The light of faith is unique, since it is capable of illuminating every aspect of human existence. A light this powerful cannot come from ourselves but from God. Faith is born of an encounter with the living God who calls us and reveals his love, a love which precedes us and upon which we can lean for security and for building our lives. Transformed by this love, we gain fresh vision, new eyes to see; we realize that it contains a great promise of fulfillment, and that a vision of the future opens up before us. Faith, received from God as a supernatural gift, becomes a light for our way, guiding our journey through time. On the one hand, it is a light coming from the past, the light of the foundational memory of the life of Jesus, which revealed his perfectly trustworthy love, a love capable of triumphing over death. Yet since Christ has risen and draws us beyond death, faith is also a light coming from the future and opening before us vast horizons which guide us beyond our isolated selves towards the breadth of communion. We come to see that faith does not dwell in shadow and gloom; it is a light for our darkness. It is this light of faith that can grow and enlighten the present, becoming a star to brighten the horizon of our journey at a time when humanity is particularly in need of light.

Christ, on the eve of his passion, assured Peter: *"I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail"* (Lk 22:32). He then told him to strengthen his brothers and sisters in that same faith. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI proclaimed the present Year of Faith. This is a time of grace, which is helping us to sense the great joy of believing. This is a time to renew our wonder at the vast horizons, which faith opens up, so as then to profess that faith in its unity and integrity, faithful to the memory of the Lord and sustained by his presence and by the working of the Holy Spirit. The conviction born of a faith which brings grandeur and fulfillment to life, a faith centered on Christ and on the power of his grace, inspired the mission of the first Christians.

For those early Christians, faith, as an encounter with the living God revealed in Christ, was indeed a "mother", for it had brought them to the light and given birth within them to divine life, a new experience and a luminous vision of existence for which they were prepared to bear public witness to the end.

The Year of Faith was inaugurated on the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. This is itself a clear indication that Vatican II was a Council on faith, inasmuch as it asked us to restore the primacy of God in Christ to the center of our lives, both as a Church and as individuals. The Church never takes faith for granted, but knows that this gift of God needs to be nourished and reinforced so that it can continue to guide her pilgrim way. The Second Vatican Council enabled the light of faith to illumine our human experience from within, accompanying the men and women of our time on their journey. It clearly showed how faith enriches life in all its dimensions.

In God's gift of faith, a supernatural infused virtue, we realize that a great love has been offered us. A good word has been spoken to us, and that when we welcome that word, Jesus Christ the Word made flesh, the Holy Spirit transforms us, lights up our way to the future and enables us joyfully to advance along that way on wings of hope. Thus wonderfully interwoven, faith, hope and charity are the driving force of the Christian life as it advances towards full communion with God.

***INTERCESSION TO APOSTLE OF CALIFORNIA  
PADRE JUNIPERO SERRA***

*O Lord Jesus Christ, reward the apostolic zeal of Your servant, Padre Junipero Serra, who departing his native Spain, labored for the salvation of souls in Mexico and California. Graciously deign by evident signs and prodigies to glorify him, so that for the exaltation of Your Most Holy Name, he may be elevated to the honors of the altar. Through Padre's intercession kindly grant the special favor, I request.*

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father**

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