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## ***Boy Scouts Celebrate Scout Sunday With Free Pancake Breakfast for All***

*By Glenn Schiferl, Scoutmaster*

The Boy Scouts in the local area will be celebrating at the 7:30 a.m. Mass on February 7. This annual celebration of "Scout Sunday" is an opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of the Scouts who have been working on their religious emblems during the past year.

In addition, to show appreciation for the parish support over the past year, Troop 105 provides a free pancake breakfast for all parishioners after the 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses on that day.

With the support of the parish, and the Knights, we were able to move four boys to the Eagle Scout rank this past year. Plus we have four more currently working on Eagle projects.

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## ***Grand Knight's Report***

*From John C. Kirk Jr, Our Grand Knight*

***178 Attend Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner,  
Council Provides \$\$\$ to Two Special Requests,  
Lenten Fish Fries Beginning on Friday, February 12***

At our next business meeting on Monday, February 8 we will once again be having lite refreshments before we start. So, please come early and enjoy some lite food and extra fellowship prior to the start of the meeting. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and the refreshments will be there by 7:15 if not earlier.

During the past month or so we had several requests for donations to finance our youth. Donations were given to a group of Saint Raphael's young students to support a trip to the Museum of Tolerance in LA. We are also helping to support a missionary trip to Nicaragua for a student at Franciscan University, Maria Lopez. This is putting our money to good use.

And special thanks to our Financial Secretary Vince Filippello for keeping track of our finances. Many thanks, Vince. Don't know where we would be without you!

Many thanks to all those who helped out with the Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner and made it such a major success, including Jim Bradbury and his kitchen help, and to Rich Scholl for taking care of sending out the invitations and coordinating the ticket sales. Thanks also to Chris Arnoult for taking care of the tickets. Monsignor Jon was the guest speaker. The menu featured pork loin, mashed potatoes, etc.

Then in February, Lent begins and so does our Friday Fish Fries. This is our major fund raiser for our council, so please consider helping here. Many hands make for lite work.

And, please continue to pray for the success of our council, that we will find the membership and manpower we need so that we can continue to fulfill our commitments and be the strong right arm of the church. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

Vivat Jesus,  
John C. Kirk, Jr.

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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



## February 2016

February 2	Monday	Officers' Meeting, Parish Hall, 8 p.m.
February 8	Sunday	Boy Scouts Host to Free Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 Masses.
February 9	Monday	Business Meeting, Parish Hall, 7:30 p.m.
February 10	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday
February 12	Friday	Lenten Fish Fry, Parish Hall, 6 p.m.
February 14	Sunday	1st Sunday of Lent - St. Valentine's Day
February 19	Friday	Lenten Fish Fry, Parish Hall, 6 p.m.
February 26	Friday	Lenten Fish Fry, Parish Hall, 6 p.m.

## March 2016

March 4	Friday	Lenten Fish Fry, Parish Hall, 6 p.m.
March 7	Monday	Officers' Meeting, Parish Hall, 8 p.m.
March 11	Friday	Lenten Fish Fry, Parish Hall, 6 p.m.
March 13	Sunday	Gourmet Breakfast, Parish Hall, 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
March 14	Monday	Business Meeting, Parish Hall, 7:30 p.m.
March 18	Friday	Lenten Fish Fry, Parish Hall, 6 p.m.
March 20	Sunday	Palm Sunday
March 25	Friday	Good Friday
March 27	Sunday	Easter Sunday

## April 2016

April 4	Monday	Officers' Meeting, Parish Hall, 8 p.m.
April 10	Sunday	Gourmet Breakfast, Parish Hall, 8:30
April 11	Monday	Business Meeting, Parish Hall, 7:30
April 17	Sunday	World Day of Prayer for Vocations



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# Chancellor's Report

*SK Mario Cervantes, Chancellor*

## **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYER. Thank you.**

- SK James DeLarvin, who has been diagnosed with hot spots in his throat and mouth. His cancer is coming back again.
- For Pauline Brokaski, wife of SK Fred Brokaski
- Bro. Don Sweet, open heart surgery to replace a valve and a single artery bypass
- SK Tom E. Puerling, who is recovering from surgery, radiation and chemo treatments.
- SK Brian Klinge
- SK Roy Schrader
- SK Larry Torres
- Lee Alfano, widow of SK Sam Alfano
- Bro. Teo Nungaray who is suffering from pancreatic cancer
- Bro. Fritz Cahill and his son Tom Cahill
- SK Al Meckelborg
- Eileen Pando, widow of SK Joe Pando
- Camille Moynihan, widow of SK John Moynihan
- David Schrader, son of SK Roy Schrader
- For District Deputy Ray Centeno's father
- SK Joe Duwell and his wife Ruth
- For Christian Franzen, nephew of Deacon Wayne Rascati, who has cerebral palsy and quadriplegia.
- Terry Pugh, wife of SK Earl Pugh
- Nancy Herrera, widow of SK Pablo Herrera
- Joe Vampola, brother of SK Mark Vampola
- Sr. Teresa Meza, sister of SK Jose Meza
- Anita Pullens, sister-in-law of SK Felix Sanchez
- Donna Abels, wife of SK Jim Abels
- Denise Swiacki, wife of SK Walter Swiacki
- SK Bruce Velasco
- For Father Bruce Correio
- For Father Frank Colburn
- For Father Tomas Ellis
- For Randy Ganske
- For Ray Rodman, Monica's father, who is having medical problems
- We also should be praying for our priests and deacons who are our spiritual leaders in our spiritual community.
- For the repose of the soul of Bro. Roy Kai Fong who passed on to his Eternal Reward on November 29, 2015. Our heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to Roy and his wife Elizabeth and family in this time of loss. May the Perpetual Light shine upon him.

## **Pro-Life Report for February 2016**

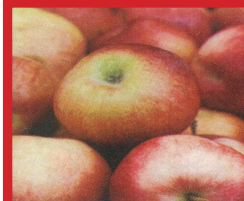
Roe v Wade Day and One-Life LA and the other marches are behind us. Now it is time to focus on Lent and the 40 Days for Life Spring Vigil. 40 Days begins on Ash Wednesday the 10th of February. Every day thousands of children are killed in their mother's womb, turning that womb into a tomb of death and denying that child his or her unalienable right to life. What can be more un-American? And as Mother Teresa said, Abortion is the number 1 problem in America.

So, please consider this for your Lenten sacrifice, an hour of prayer each week at Planned Parenthood. We are effective. We have had people come up to us and tell us that because of our presence there, they decided not to have an abortion and to have their child instead.

You can sign up on-line. Also, there will be announcements in the parish bulletins, and sign-up Sundays will be held outside the local churches, so you can also sign up in person. Please look for further announcement on this, or contact me. The picture here is from last fall's campaign and shows Father Nicholas from Saint Athanasius Orthodox Church, which is across the street from St Raphael's, conducting a special service for the unburn at PP complete with song sheets. Now, why cannot more churches do that?



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# Happy Birthday

## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

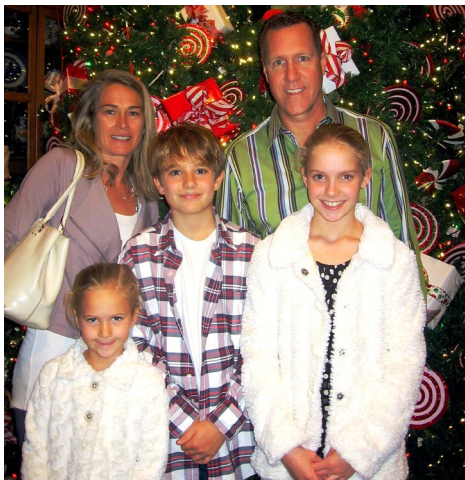
Msgr. Antonio Cacciapuoti	February 2
Richard J. Karr	February 8
Joseph R. Darga	February 11
Vincent L. Filippello	February 11
James M. Gannon	February 13
Gerald N. Liponi	February 14
John C. Monaghan	February 16
Teodulo Nungaray	February 17
Max F. Keller	February 18
John M. Peyton	February 19
Paul C. Curzan	February 20
Richard P. Danduran	February 24
Brian F. Klinge	February 25
Brian D. Fittipaldi	February 27



## Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Paul & Evelina Curzan and Happy 79<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Paul

Paul and Evelina were married at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Santa Barbara on February 12, 1966. They met during the fall of 1963 at a Dolorian Club (Catholic young adults group) party at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. Evelina Van Lunenburg immigrated to California from Haarlem, the Netherlands in 1961 at age 20 and became a school teacher at Dolores School (now Notre Dame School) in Santa Barbara. She received her teaching degree from a Catholic teachers college in Amsterdam in 1960. While at Dolores School, she taught in the first, second and third grades. Her many students included Stephen Montross, who is currently a Permanent Deacon at St. Raphael's and Mark Patton, who is presently a sports writer for the Santa Barbara News-Press. Evelina recalls that in her early years teaching at Dolores School her class sizes were as large as 52 students and there were no teachers' assistants. But somehow it all worked out.

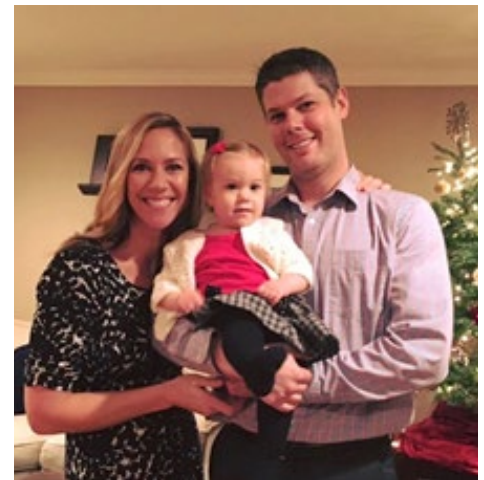
Paul was born in Milwaukee on February 20, 1937 but spent most of his school years growing up in a small rural farming community about 35 miles Southwest of Milwaukee where his parents owned and operated a general store. Paul



Mark, Tracy, Sean (13), Claire (11), Kate (6)  
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA



Jon-Paul, Jenny, Michael (11) Madeleine (3)  
ARROYO GRANDE, CALIFORNIA



Lisa, Brennan, Ashley (1)  
NAPA, CALIFORNIA

moved to Goleta in July 1961 to take his first permanent job with the newly formed General Motors research and development facility that later became known as Delco Electronics. Paul received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree from Marquette University in 1960 and a Master Degree in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University in 1961. He spent 20 years working in underwater acoustics in GM's Sea Operations Department and later worked on military avionics as well as automotive programs when the Sea Operations Dept. was phased out by GM. Paul took early retirement in 1991 after 30 years of continuous employment with Delco. Paul and Evelina still live in their first and only home in Goleta, which they purchased in 1967.

Paul joined the Knights of Columbus back in 1962 as a charter member of Council 5300. Later on he took a break and then rejoined the ranks of the Knights in 1991 after his retirement. He and Evelina can often be seen volunteering at the monthly 'gourmet breakfasts' and at the Lenten Fish fry Dinners.

Paul and Evelina are the proud parents of three children: Mark, 49, an orthopedic surgeon, Jon-Paul, 47, an electrical engineer, and Lisa, 37, an elementary school teacher. Mark and his wife Tracy have three children (Sean 13, Claire 11, and Kate 6). They reside in Cary, North Carolina. Jon-Paul and his wife Jenny have two youngsters (Michael 11 and Madeleine 3) and live in Arroyo Grande. Lisa and her husband Brennan have a daughter Ashley 1, and reside in Napa.

With their children grown and living out of town, much of Paul and Evelina's travels involve trips to see them and their grandchildren.

Plans are currently underway for a family reunion in North Carolina in the summer of this year to celebrate the Golden wedding anniversary.

## Happy 54<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Felix and Julia

Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Julia on Feb. 7

Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Felix on Jan. 13



Solomon "Felix" and Julia Sanchez were married on June 24, 1961 at San Salvador Church in Colton, CA with Rev. Jose S. Valencia performing the big wedding ceremony. They celebrated their 54th anniversary in July.

Felix has been a KC member since 1976 and served as Grand Knight in 1998-99. Both are active St. Raphael Parishioners since 1965.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and the native of Indio, CA went to work for the Goleta Union School District as a warehouse-man, retiring in 1997.

Julia worked in electronics for 30-years.

Julia's parents had 9 daughters and 3 sons while Felix's had 8 sons and 6 daughters.

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## Happy 53rd Birthday on February 27th

# BRIAN DAVID FITTIPALDI

*By Joe T. Kovach, Editor*

Brian David Fittipaldi and wife Mary Elizabeth have been blessed with many interesting happenings during their 16 years in Goleta and Santa Barbara.

For eye-openers Brian and Mary met at the Old Mission Santa Barbara and were married by well-known Franciscans, Father Virgil Cordano and Father Vince Mesi, pastor at the time, on November 18, 2000 at the Old Mission Santa Barbara.

Their four children, Will, Charlie, Anna and Emily are all students at St. Raphael School where their mother is Room Mother and also a teacher with the Early Childhood Education Program since 2008.

A third special significant happening occurred in 2014 when Brian joined the Knights of Columbus and received all four Degrees of Council 5300 in one year. First Degree was on March 26, 2nd Degree on April 9, 3rd Degree on April 27 and 4th Degree on November 8. His proud sponsor was Chris Arnoult.

When asked, "What is the best thing about being a Knights of Columbus member," Brian stated, "Being connected to the great work of Father Michael McGivney, I believe that his work in starting the Knights (literally helping widows and orphans) and the way he led his life will eventually lead him to be recognized as a Saint."

The reasons Brian became a KC member were he wanted to be a part of such a great organization. He stated, "I was inspired to join given my Father's membership and my time in New Haven, CT. as an undergraduate at Yale. I attended St. Mary's in New Haven and was a Lector and a lay Dominican Associate. During my time there, the church was renovated by the Knights and Father McGivney's remains were moved into the church itself. That really made an impression on me." Asked why other men should consider becoming a member of the KC, Brian said, "It is one concrete way to serve the Church."

Brian added, "One KC remembrance never to be forgotten was as a boy, it was very special when my Father took me to the Annual Knights' Sports Banquet and Christmas Party at Rock Creek Council 2797 in Bethesda, Maryland. I looked forward to both events each year so I could spend extra time with my Father and 'hang out' with the Knights at their clubhouse (a large house that is still in operation).

Brian's ideas for the Knights to consider undertaking include recruitment of new members, activity with Troop 105/Boy Scouts (like a Jeopardy or other game show night), an activity with Veterans, some outreach to the homebound and a monthly Mass.

A native of Bethesda, Maryland, his parents Joseph from Cleveland, Ohio (1919-2009) and Mary Claire from Washington D.C. (1925- ----) were proud of Brian and his brother Mark who lives in Bethesda. Mary Claire is now a parishioner at St. Raphael's.

Wife Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Heron was born in Santa Barbara in January 1974 and has a brother John Heron and sister Kelly Heron Fuller.

Brian and Mary moved to Santa Barbara from Los Angeles in 1994.

"Being a part of a parish that is so active and has so many organizations is the best thing about being a parishioner of St. Raphael. He added, "Msgr. Jon Majarucon is such a gift to us. He is interested in each and every parishioner and organization in this parish. We are truly blessed to have him around."

Brian's involvement in Parish organizations include Boy Scouts/Troop 105, Assistant Scoutmaster (2014-present), Cub Scouts/Pack 105, and Den Leader (2009-2015).

Brian's employment history includes:

- \* U.S. Department of Justice, Senior Trial Attorney (1991 to present),
- \* U.S. Army Reserve (1991 to present),
- \* UCSB, Lecturer (2009 to present),
- \* Santa Barbara City College, Lecturer (2002-2009).

Brian attributes the keys to his success in his professional career as, "Work hard, enjoy life a little, then work some more. There is no substitute for hard work."

As a youngster Brian attended Wyngate Elementary School in Bethesda, Maryland (1975), St. Jane DeChantal Grade School in Bethesda (1977), Georgetown Preparatory School in North Bethesda (1981), Yale University, New Haven, CT., (1985), University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL., (1989) and University of Chicago Booth School of Business (MBA-1989).

Brian's military service included: U.S. Army Reserve, 1991 to present and Judge Advocate General's Corps. He served as Defense Counsel, Trial Counsel, Claims Chief, Acting Staff Judge Advocate, BRAC Specialist and many other roles in CONOC: California, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, New Jersey and Washington State.

Community involvements for Brian include Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 105, AYSO Soccer Coach, 2008 to present and Goleta Valley Girls' Softball Assn., Manager/Coach, 2012 to present.



*Brian and Mary were married at the Old Mission Santa Barbara on November 18, 2000.*



*Brian and Mary and their four children: Will, Charlie, Anna and Emily.*



*Brian with Anna at a softball game.*

Wife Mary is a Brownie Leader, 3rd Grade at St. Raphael, Teacher for the Early Childhood Education Program, 2008-present, Room Mother, St. Raphael's School and former teacher at Notre Dame School.

Brian's hobbies include reading a lot of newspapers and things on the internet. His favorite travels locally are to the 7-11 and back.

Other places he has resided include Bethesda (1963-1981), New Haven, CT., (1981-85), Chicago, IL., (1985-89), Los Angeles (1989-1994) and Santa Barbara (1994-present).

An interesting event took place for him as a 14-year old stockholder in the Baltimore Orioles. "I voted against the sale of the team to Edward Bennett Williams (father of one of my classmates). I was the first to do so at the meeting and others followed. I was concerned (rightfully so) that he was going to move the team to Washington, D.C.," said Brian. Also to help pay for college and law school, Brian managed swimming pools in Maryland and Virginia. He was a finalist for a Second City spin-off troop that was being formed at the University of Chicago. Did some standup in the 1990's.

"My future in-laws were really mistaken in letting their beautiful and wonderful daughter marry the likes of me. I won't make the same mistake with my two daughters," remarked Brian.

Some other interesting personal items:

- \* Favorite food: Rigatoni;
- \* Favorite meal you prepare: Grilled cheese;
- \* Favorite local restaurant: Giovanni's on the Mesa;
- \* Favorite book: anything by Rush Limbaugh or Greg Gutfeld;
- \* Favorite TV program: The Rifleman, Seinfeld (Seasons 3 to 9), Andy Griffith (Seasons 1-5), MASH (Seasons 1-3), Cheers (Seasons 1 to 5), Space: 1999, Star Trek (Original);
- \* Favorite movie of all time: The Searchers, The Wedding Singer, Star Trek: The Wrath of Khan;
- \* Favorite sport to watch on TV: Baltimore Orioles baseball, Baltimore Ravens football, Univ. of Maryland;
- \* Favorite sport as a participant: Baseball or Basketball;
- \* Favorite travel destination: Baltimore, Maryland;
- \* One word to describe me at church: Quiet;
- \* One word to describe me at KC meetings: Invisible;
- \* One word to describe St. Raphael: Active;
- \* One word to describe Knights of Columbus: Faithful;
- \* Growing up I always thought I'd be a: Third baseman for the Baltimore Orioles;
- \* My parents were right when they told me: To shut up and do my job; They both are great Patriots and role models. My father is buried at Arlington National Cemetery and my mother is going strong at 90-years of age.
- \* Greatest personal moment as a KC member: Attaining 4th Degree in Nov., 2014;
- \* Advice to youngsters: Do what's right and go to Mass;
- \* If I had 3 wishes they would be: Make sure my Wife and children are taken care of, bring an NBA team to Baltimore and convince more people to go to Mass each week.



Brian and Mary and their four children:  
Will, Charlie, Anna and Emily.

## Boy Scouts Report a Successful Christmas Tree Lot for 22 Days

By Glenn Schiferl, Scoutmaster

Boy Scout Troop 105 and Cub Pack 105, both of which are chartered by Goleta Council 5300, are happy to report that the 2015 Christmas Tree Lot was successful. The lot was open from November 28 until December 19, and sold almost all of the trees on hand. Reports show that the profit generated will adequately fund the Troop budget for 2016.

Scout Committee Chairman Teo Gonzalez organized the tree lot, along with a lot of planning from past Scouters and other adults. Brother Rich Scholl anchored the day crew with assistance from Patrick Konkol, a recent Eagle Scout from the troop. Night and weekend shifts were completely filled by Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and their parents.

The Troop provides free trees to all the classrooms at St. Raphael School, free trees for the Church altar, and free trees for the rectory and parish hall. With the profit made from tree sales, the Troop was also able to donate \$1,000 each to the Cub Pack and St. Raphael Church, and still retain enough cash to fund the Troop budget for 2016.

Scout parents noted that the tree lot is an important learning event for their sons, as the boys are responsible for setting up and maintaining the trees and assisting customers with their purchases. The skills practiced during the tree lot season are important to developing young men of responsible character.

The leaders of the Boy Scout Christmas Tree Lot acknowledged the generosity of the St. Raphael parishioners in purchasing trees and wreaths. Without this kind of financial support the Troop and Pack would be forced to either reduce the quality of the programs or raise dues to the point where a large number of young men would not be able to participate in Scouting.



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# Widows Send Thank You Notes to Knights

**A number of widows of our departed Knights mailed Thank You Notes to Grand Knight John Kirk, Treasurer Joe Darga and Council 5300 for the Christmas gifts of See's Candy received personally from Knights of via the mail in early December.**

**Brother Darga has coordinated this special KC annual gift to the widows for seven years.**

**These thank you notes include the following:**

Dear Knights of Columbus:

Thank you for the gift of See's Candy.

So nice of you to remember. It means a lot this time of year.

Thank you and "God" Bless!

Love,

Dora Garcia

Dear Knights:

Thanks for the candy.

May the Love, Joy and Peace that only He can bring be yours at Christmas and always,

Sincerely,

Eileen Pando

Dear Grand Knight John Kirk:

Thank you so much for the Gift of See's Candy that you gave me for Christmas.

Sincerely,

Lynne Schooter

Dear Knights of Columbus:

I appreciate receiving the candy at Christmas as I am able to share it with my family. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Betty Pietrzak

Dear John Kirk and Brothers:

Thank you kindly for the wonderful box of See's Candy. What a joy to receive it every year from you...

May God Bless each of you in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Jean Barens

Dear Knights:

Thank you for the delicious See's candies.

My family and I will surely enjoy them.

Thanks also to Brad Bowen for his delivery.

It was good to see him again.

Sincerely,

Julie Mooy

Dear Knights:

Wishing all the Knights a Merry Christmas and thank you for thinking of me and the See's Candy.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Paulazzo

Dear John and Knights of Columbus Council 5300:

Many, many thanks once again for your most thoughtful and much appreciated Christmas remembrance. The traditional gift of See's Candy is always a pleasure to receive and indeed an enjoyable treat for the holiday season.

I have no doubt that you will be Blessed many times over for your amazing generosity to the K of C Widows. I know for sure that you are always in my daily prayers!

God bless you always for your tremendous kindness.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline 'Jackie' Stevens

Dear Knights of Columbus:

Thank you so much for the box of See's Candy.

It is so nice of you to think of all the Knights widows at Christmas.

I was always so proud that Don was a Knight.

Thanks again for being so thoughtful.

Happy New Year.

Lucille Aubrey

Dear Knights of Columbus:

I hope you all had blessed Christmas with your families.

Thank you for the See's Candy - always appreciated!

Thank you for all the good work you do.

Sincerely,

Shirley Hopper

Dear Knights of Columbus:

My dad may have been a founding member of your Knights of Columbus back in 1966 when they moved from LA to Goleta, but he passed in 1967 and ever since you have sent Mom a box of See's candies at Christmas. Even after she moved down here in San Diego to live with us.

After a 99 ½ year run Mom passed in November, so you can remove her from your mailing list. We do thank you for keeping her on the list for all these years and she DID enjoy the See's.

Sincerely, Mom's son,

Terry Smith

**PRAY  
for Deceased & Loved Ones  
Miracles Can Happen  
When You Pray!!**



Happy 82nd Birthday on February 11th  
**Joseph Ronald Darga**

Joseph Ronald Darga was born on February 11, 1934 in Detroit, Michigan. Joe's parents, Joseph and Hattie, were proud of Joe and Connie, daughter.

Karen Jean Mammen, Joe's wife, is a native of Chicago. They first met while working for the Burroughs Corp. in Goleta. Their wedding on November 24, 1962 took place in Holy Family Church in South Pasadena.

Joe and Karen are proud parents of David Scott, Cheryl Dylan and Paul Allen and also proud grandparents of Ryan, Megan, Curtis, Dylan and Justin.

At age 22 Joe joined the U.S. Navy and served from 1956-58 as an Aviation Electron Tech - 2nd Class.

Joe and Karen have been parishioners of St. Raphael since 1970. Joe became a Knights of Columbus member on July 14, 1999 and now is serving as Treasurer of Council 5300. His sponsor was Jesse Garcia.

Joe worked for 22 years at Burroughs and when that firm left Goleta, he joined Santa Barbara Research Center for 14 years. Joe retired in 1996 due to medical, heart problems. He expressed, "I was one of the lucky individuals to receive a heart transplant on June 29, 2002." He added, "It's a wonderful gift I received from a stranger, a 42-year old man from Stockton."



Joe's main hobby is promoting organ and tissue donation. He emphasized, "Anyone wishing to register as an organ donor can do so with a quick, easy and completely confidential online donor Registry at [www.DonateLifeCalifornia.org](http://www.DonateLifeCalifornia.org) or by visiting their local DMV office."

Karen's speciality is Real Estate Sales for the past 37-years. She owns South Coast Realty, specializing in Property Management as well as real estate sales.

Joe and Karen recently took a 10-day cruise up the east coast ending in Quebec, Canada.



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## 178 Plus Attend Clergy-Religious Appreciation Dinner as Msgr. Jon Majarucon Speaks

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Year of Mercy

At the Clergy-Religious Appreciation Dinner held on Thursday, January 28 at the St. Raphael Parish Hall over 178 persons attended to honor over two centuries of their service to the people of Santa Barbara.

Special guest speaker was Msgr. Jon Majarucon, Knights of Columbus Chaplain and Pastor of St. Raphael Parish. Rev. John Love also spoke on the increase of vocations with five from St. Mark's in Isla Vista to enter the Seminary. Present was novice Patrick McAllister.

As of press time, Thursday, Jan. 28, 36 Clergy-Religious and 152 Knights and Parishioners were planning to be there for the 7 p.m. dinner sponsored by KC Council 5300. The menu featured pork loin with potato and vegetable, salad and dessert. Social time started at 6:30 with a no-host bar.

Clergy attending were Msgr. Stephen Downes, Rev. Larry Gosselin, O.F.M., Rev. Charley Talley, O.F.M., Rev. Lucio Juarez, Rev. Alfred Verstreken, C.J., Rev. Judo DeClippio, C.J., Rev. John Love, Rev. Noel Barber, Rev. Petra Lopez, Rev. Jose Seneanu, Msgr. Martineo.

Sisters coming were Sr. Barbara Dugan, CSJ, Sr. Helen Wolkerstorfer, B.V.M., Sr. Barbara Stowasser, Sr. Rosalie Cullen and Sr. Kathleen Patrice Sullivan, Mt. Carmel - Daughters of St. Joseph, and Daughters of Charity were represented by Sr. Agnes Thao Doan, Sr. Eva Duarte, Sr. Margaret Keaveney, Sr. Linda Mulvehill and Sr. Mary Ann Tippet.

Nine Deacons and wives present included Deacon Wayne Rascati, Deacon Stephen Montross and Sylvia, Deacon Nick Curran and Eileen, Deacon Bill Sangster and Dorothy, Deacon Jose Ramirez and Virginia, Deacon Randy Saake and Michelle, Deacon Genaro Aispuro and Amanda, Deacon Falk Gosdchen and Lisa and Deacon Michael Betliskey.

Serving the delicious meal were members from St. Raphael's Youth Group directed by John Vasellina. They were Matthew Najera (St. Therese Academy), Anthony Perez, Jackie Mata, Raylene Calderon and Julio Perez (San Marcos High School), and Dominic Tuttle (Bishop Diego High School).

Tickets were being sold by Chris Arnoult, Rich Scholl, Bill Fuhrer, Ray Charpentier, Nick Curran and the Rectory Office. Price for the dinner remained at \$15, same as in 2014 and 2015.

The Catholic Church has a tradition of celebrating a Jubilee year every 25 years. The last time this happened was in 2000 when we celebrated the second millennial anniversary of Jesus Christ's birth. On December 8, 2015, Pope Francis proclaimed an "extraordinary jubilee" outside of the 25 year cycle. He saw it fit to declare that "This is the year to become more merciful in our lives and bring God's mercy to others". I encourage all of God's faithful in this Region to practice the following: Contemplate Mercy; Stop Judging and Condemning; Forgive those who have hurt you; Know Jesus through Scripture, and; Be generous in your good works! The Catholic Church celebrates the great Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul at this writing. Formerly "Saul" he practiced negative human attributes that resulted in estrangement from God and man: Ignorance, Ego, Self-righteousness and Vindictiveness. When he "encountered the Risen Christ" Saul became "Paul", (small one, little one). The "Ego of Saul/Paul decreased so that the Mercy and Love of God/Jesus could increase. So it must be with us. We must practice Mercy so that the Love, Grace and Presence of God may INCREASE in this world filled with so much violence, hatred, vindictiveness and indifference.

Msgr. Jon F. Majarucon, Pastor  
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*Msgr. Jon with his mother.*



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