



AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council

#14754

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“It is curious that physical courage should be so common in the world & moral courage so rare.”
Mark Twain

“A clear conscience is a sure sign of a bad memory.” Mark Twain

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

22 of our Brother Knights celebrate a birthday in August. Some fun facts to consider:

- The average age of a Knight born this month is 58.2 years.
- Amazingly, we have Knights celebrating birthdays in every decade from the teens to their 80s.
- Our oldest Knight born this month is Eddie Gonzáles who was born in the last year of Franklin Roosevelt’s fourth term.
- As a counterpoint, our youngest member, the very new James De La Garza, was born in the last year of George W. Bush’s second term.
- As a parent of twins, I want to send congratulations out to the Council's only set of twins. Ikenna and Okenna Clement, turning 29 this year.
- Some of our longest serving Knights with birthdays this month have been with us more than 20 years, including: SK Mike Molatore, SK Daniel Goetz, SK Sam Duran, SK Noel de Los Reyes.
- Jonathan Sales, Mike Molatore, and James Johnston were born on three consecutive days in August, 1961. The number one song that week was Bobby Lewis “Tossing and turning.”

Happy birthday to all of our August Knights!

Day, Knight, Yrs service

2, SK John Pace, 9
2, Jonathan Sales, 17
3, SK Mike Molatore, 22
4, SK James Johnstone, 10
6, Ron Ruiz, 3
6, George Smith, 3
7, Eddie Gonzales, 11
7, Juan Tirado, 4
8, SK Daniel Goetz, 26
10, SK Sam Duran, 22
10, Jason Frazier, 4

15, SK Noel De Los Reyes, 28
17, Danny Davis, 3
18, Philip Peters, 2
20, Richard Ramos, 14
21, James De La Garza, 1
21, Sal Gomez, 1
22, SK John Rozo, 8
24, Ikenna Clement, 9
24, Okenna Clement, 9
27, SK Dennis Shaw, 10
28, Ron Black, 15

WHAT'S UP

- **Saturday, August 15.** Breakfast service at St Vincent DePaul
- **Sunday, August 16,** Chapter Officer Installation Mass and Dinner
- **Saturday, August 22,** 7am Bible Study; 8:30 Men's Choir
- **Sunday August 30: 5th Sunday Rosary;** immediately after 7:30am
- **All month of September Coats for Kids collections.**
- **Thursday, September 3:** Officer's Meeting
- **Monday, September 7.** Labor Day
- **Saturday September 12:** 7am Bible Study; 8:30 Men's Choir
- **Monday September 14:** General Council Meeting
- **Saturday, Monday, September 22;** 7am Bible Study, 8:30 am Men's Choir

GRAND KNIGHT MESSAGE

MIKE PANOS

I have one month down as Grand Knight...who's counting besides my wife? To paraphrase myself, I mentioned in my speech at the recent Officer Installation that I want to surround myself with the best people I can find, to delegate authority, and not interfere as long as the job is getting done.

I too, like my predecessor PGK Andy Silvestro, want the general council meetings to end in a timely manner. I want the membership to stay engaged and for them to want to come back to the next meeting. I encourage all members who have any concerns to approach me before the general meeting.

I was asked to attend a Church Watch meeting sponsored by the Police Department. There I found out that they will come out and do a presentation in the church. I delegated the task of bringing this to fruition to Brother Jim Deming. After many calls and emails by Jim, our Active Shooter presentation will be on August 12th at 6:30pm in the church. Another priority of mine, is for new members to be engaged and to get involved volunteering. We all need to welcome the new members and make them feel at home. Our Worthy Program Armando Martinez and WDGK Craig Holliday are working diligently to assist the new members in becoming Knights that are active and engaged for many years to come.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

We have started a new Family program called Family of the Month. Nominations may be submitted through the Google Form below, which collects the information needed by the selection committee:

<https://forms.gle/CA57mUAJ8PbHs5rq8>

FAITH MESSAGE
BILL JEFFRIES



The world needs courageous men to witness to and for Jesus Christ.^[1]^[SEP]Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity.

Cor meetings of “Into the Breach” at SEAS for Catholic Men who are age 18 and older are scheduled on Saturday: Aug 15, Sept 19, Oct 17, from 7AM – 8:30AM at St John room. Video Series topics include : Family, Life, Prayer, Suffering Sacramental Life. RSVP to attend. If you have any questions, contact Bill Jeffries, Faith Director at 661-706-6171 or email billjeffries1953@gmail.com. This fall SK Brother Elden Miller will present “Into the Breach” The Mission of the Family which covers “The Catholic Family in a Post-Christian World”, “Marriage: The Foundation of the Family” plus three other Episodes.

Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” (Gospel for Aug. 30, Mt 16:23)

Who knows the mind of God? God is beyond human understanding, yet he has revealed himself to us most perfectly in the person of Jesus Christ. Through prayer we can come to know God more fully, and we grow in understanding of his plan when we make a habit of conforming our will to his holy will. We follow Christ in discipleship when we pray daily to the Father as he did: “Not my will but yours be done” (Lk 22:42).

This month, I challenge you to study the life and example of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, whose feast day is Aug. 13. Use the *Blessed Michael McGivney Cor Session Guide* (freely available at kofc.org/shopcis), noting in particular how Father McGivney always sought to align his will with that of God.

Pray the Rosary, spend time at SEAS on Wednesdays for Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 AM -12:30 PM. May God Bless you!

MEMBER PROFILE-NELSON DIAZ

by Jim Patten, PGK, July 2026

Welcome to one of our newest and younger members Nelson Diaz who joined our council on June 1, 2026.

Nelson who is single was born in Bakersfield in 2006 and is the only child of his parents Nelson and Christine Diaz. He graduated cum laude from CSUB in June 2026 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy. He was able to earn his college degree before turning 21 thanks to taking advanced placement courses at Liberty high school where he also had a 3.5 plus grade point average.

Nelson will be entering St . John's seminary in Camerino as a seminarian for the diocese of Fresno.

In interviewing him for this profile Nelson wanted me to ask for your prayers for his religious journey and to pray for all those seeking religious life.

Nelson has helped with confirmation classes at SEAS and has been a SEAS altar server. His mom was born in Argentina, so soccer is their family sport.



DO YOU LIKE TO SING IN THE SHOWER? HOW ABOUT IN CHURCH?

The men's choir is seeking additional voices. Our goal is to have at least 12 men who sing regularly; therefore, we would love to have as many join us as we can encourage. Please consider this great opportunity for fellowship and service. You don't have to be a good singer, just one who enjoys singing.

The choir sings for 5th Sunday Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Christmas with the Kern River Brass, and is always adding to the dates and repertoire. We even rehearsed some standard beer festival songs. If you would like to join us, we rehearse at 8:30am on the 2d and 4th Saturdays of each month, immediately following men's bible study, and rehearse other dates as needed. We will resume rehearsals, after summer recess, on Saturday August 8th immediately following Men's Bible Study. If you are interested just show up at one of the rehearsals, or if you have questions, contact Ed Knudson at osuetk@bak.rr.com, 661-333-8279, or Susan Scaffidi at scaffidi@setoncatholicchurch.org or 661-587-3626.

APPEAL FOR DONATION

On behalf of Brothers Andy Silvestro and Michael Dhanens, Council 14754 would like to begin collecting items, monthly, for distribution St. Vincent DePaul Center and/or the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center.

For St. Vincent DePaul Center:

New men's and women's socks and underwear

Gently used men's and women's clothing that can be used directly by the homeless

Heavy duty re-usable plastic grocery bags

For the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center:

Diapers (all sizes) Gently used baby clothes for both boys and girls

Baby blankets

New bottles, pacifiers, teething toys