



JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council
#14754

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“The soul would have no rainbow if the eyes had no tears.” Native American Philosophy

“Never miss a good opportunity to sit down and shut up.” Texas Logic

“Continuous improvement is better than delayed perfection.” Mark Twain

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Seventeen of our Brothers celebrate their birthday this month, including some real Council heavy hitters. Including our wonderful chaplain Monsignor Perry, recently Past Grand Knight Andy Silvestro and finance wizard Ed Besenfelder.

Our youngest Knight is also our newest knight. That would be Nelson Diaz, who was born in the second term of George W Bush. Nelson is beginning his seminarian studies, and we wish him all the best. Our most senior Knight is Terry Horan, who was born in the second term of Franklin Roosevelt.

We should also make note of the amazing 45 years of Knights service by Matthew Schneider. When Matthew was born the number one song in the country was “Rock around the clock,” by Bill Haley and the Comets.

Happy birthday to all of our July Knights!

Day, Knight, Yrs service

2, Matthew Schneider, 45

5, Jamison Holt, 7

7, SK Andy Silvestro, 12

8, John Zabatta Jr, 5

9, SK Elden Miller, 2

10, Luis Franco, 2

12, SK Jose Hernandez, 24

15, Ed Besenfelder, 10

21, Alberto Andrade, 1

21, SK Rev. Perry Kavookjian, 40

22, Nelson Diaz, 1

24, Bruce Lumis, 17

24, Carlos Martinez, 2

25, Deacon Marco Ayala, 5

27, Terry Horan, 12

29, Jeremy Roberts, 2

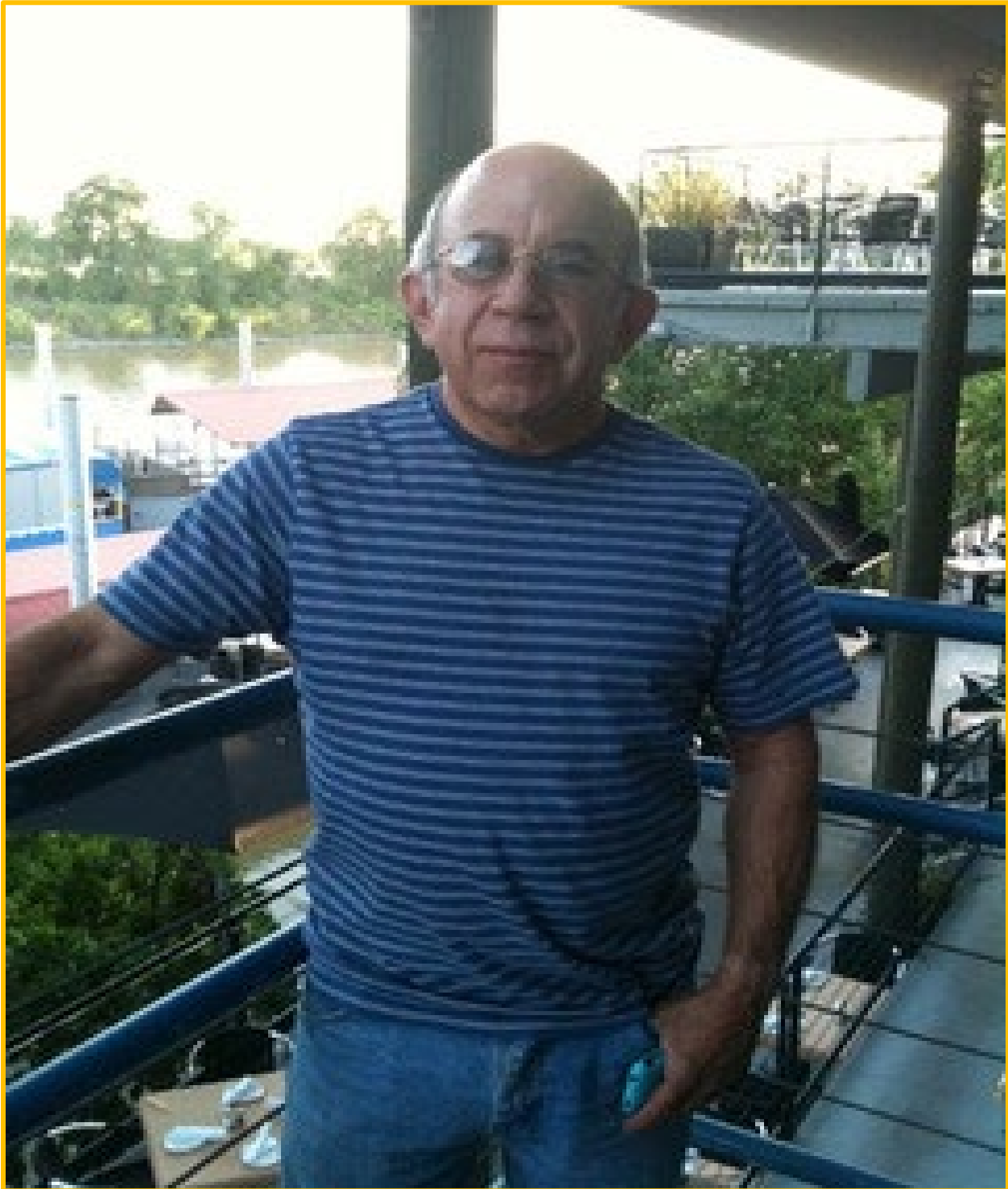
30, Jeffrey K. Dahlstrom, 2

WHAT'S UP

- **Saturday, August 15.** Breakfast service at St Vincent DePaul
- **Monday, September 7.** Labor Day

MEET OUR NEW GRAND KNIGHT

MIKE PANOS



Mike was born in San Francisco. He is a lifelong Giants fan and was able to attend the seventh game of the 1962 World Series between the Giants and Yankees. Tickets were hard to come by, but Mike's grandfather worked with two of the Giants in the off season, in real estate. (Jimmy Davenport & Stu Miller)

Mike grew up in West Sacramento. He went to Washington High School where he ran the mile in track and played the saxophone in the high school band. He graduated in 1968.

Mike served in the Air Force Reserves from 1969 through 1975. His AFSC was as an Air Cargo Specialist and Air Passenger Specialist. Mike reached the rank of Airman First Class.

In 1973, Mike married Kate Gorman, an Irish Catholic lady from his hometown. Kate and Mike have been married 53 years and are partners in life. They have four daughters and each one is a college graduate, as education was a priority for them. They are blessed with six grandchildren. Four granddaughters and two grandsons.

In 1974 Mike graduated from Sacramento State College with a BA in political science. He preceded to take a position with Security Pacific Bank as an Operations Supervisor. In 1978 Mike started his career with Pacific Bell and mainly worked as an outside technician, a job he loved. Mike worked for the phone company for 34 years and is now retired. Mike and Kate, in retirement, have traveled extensively. They have traveled to Europe a number of times, Australia, New Zealand, and within the United States.

Mike's re-entry back into the Knights of Columbus was on 01-08-2018. He served as Deputy Grand Knight during the fraternal year of 2025-2026. Mike became a 4th Degree Knight on 06-14-2025.

FAITH MESSAGE
BILL JEFFRIES



Cor

The world needs courageous men to witness to and for Jesus Christ. 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 Saturdays: Aug 15, Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 7, from 7AM – 8:30AM at St John room. Video Series topics include *Fatherhood, Family, Life, Prayer, Suffering.* If you have any questions, contact Bill Jeffries, Faith Director at 661-706-6171 or email billjeffries1953@gmail.com*

July 2026 Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

“Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers’ victim?” He answered, “The one who treated him with mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.” (Gospel for July 13, Lk 10:36-37)

In the parable of the good Samaritan, we again witness the Lord’s call to put our faith into action. Neither the priest nor the Levite stopped to render aid to alleviate the injured man’s suffering. The true act of love came from an unexpected source: a Samaritan, a person with whom a practicing Jew of those days would not ordinarily associate. Let us be good Samaritans when we encounter others in need, remembering that we are called to love and serve all people in need.

The Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to serve as a good Samaritan to others with whom you might not normally associate — whether it be people who are homeless, the poor, the homebound or others.

Questions for Reflection:

Who is your neighbor? Have you found yourself ignoring those in need when it is inconvenient for you to assist them? How can your response to the needy you encounter more closely reflect the example of the good Samaritan?

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

May God Bless you!

Fraternal Year 2025-2026, Year End Membership and Dues Report

We began our 2025-2026 Fraternal Year with 210 Knights. Of these 55 were insurance members and 155 were associate members:

	Insurance Members	Associate Members
July 1, 2025	55	155

In July/August, we moved 13 members to online council:

	Insurance Members	Associate Members
August 1, 2025	49	145

By January, our membership had rebounded:

	Insurance Members	Associate Members
January 1, 2026	49	161

At the end of the Fraternal Year, our membership stood at:

	Insurance Members	Associate Members
June 30, 2026	50	171

ON THE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL

by Jim Patten

THE EXPLAINER

WHY SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL?

America's 250th anniversary is sometimes referred to as its *semiquincentennial*. Let's break down those seven syllables of Latinate goodness, starting from the back: The *-ennial* part, like the first part of *anniversary*, comes from *annus*, Latin for "year." The rest is math: *Cent* comes from *centum* "100" (e.g., 100 years in a *century*). *Quin* (as in *quintuplets*) comes from *quinque*, "five." A *quincentennial*, then, indicates something lasting 500 years, twice what we need. The *semi* cuts it in half, like it does in *semicircle*; it's from a Latin word for "half." From left to right, then, *semiquincentennial* is $\frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 100$ years.

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

The men's choir is seeking additional voices. 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 2^d 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