



JUNE NEWSLETTER

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #14754

Please join us for our next Council meeting, Monday, July 24th in the St. Therese Room. Social Hour will begin at 6:00pm and the General Meeting will follow at 7:00pm. Please join us for good food, fellowship and to see how you can participate in upcoming Council activities and programs. You can also check out the Council website at koc14754.org for more information.

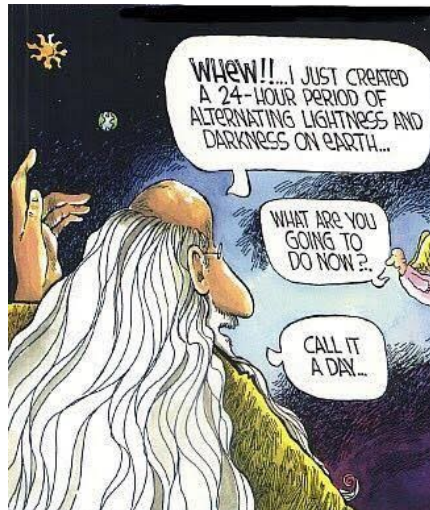
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06/09 Patrick Mathiowetz
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06/12 Keith Peters
06/13 Dino Chumpitaz
06/13 Jose Gabella
06/15 Benito Mendoza
06/18 Lawrence Hendricks
06/18 Vincent Pagano
06/20 Richard Escalante
06/21 Alfred Quenum
06/23 Mathew Harkey
06/26 Gilbert Mendez
06/26 Eric Menor
06/28 Michael Cooper
06/28 Pete Santiago

Congratulations to the new officers who have graciously agreed to serve the Council in the next Columbian Year. Special congrats to WGK Donovan White. Brothers, please provide him and the rest of the officers any and all assistance you can. And make sure you keep the Council in your prayers. Thank you.

Thanks, again, to the pit masters, Brother Bill Jeffries, and all who volunteered to help serve a BBQ meal for the Music Ministry. They were much appreciative.

July 30 is a fifth Sunday. Look for a flocknote announcement on how you can participate. If you prefer not to help recite a decade of the rosary, please at least join your fellow Brothers and members of the parish to pray the rosary.

Brothers. Please keep in your prayers all members of our Council and their families who are experiencing illness and addressing medical issues. Brother Bill Jeffries and a group of men are keeping abreast of those who need our help and oftentimes organize the delivery of meals to families. If you would like to participate in this group and receive future notifications, please reach out to Brother Bill. Continue to look at your flocknote notices to become aware of, and pray for, those who have a particular need.



Member Profile: Michael Dhanens, WPGK

The story begins on a cold fall night in Minneapolis in 1960. I was born then on October 26, the first and oldest of what would become five healthy, rambunctious siblings (four boys and the youngest, a girl). My father was in the army and stationed in Minnesota between the Korean and Vietnam wars. We moved back to San Jose, California when I was just six weeks old, back to where my parents were married and where my mother's family resided. After a few moves, ever-increasing southward, my father took a position in Porterville where I spend my formative years, including high school. Our family were life long Catholics and very involved at St. Anne's Church in Porterville where my father was the Grand Knight (and Fourth Degree) of the local Council. He was also instrumental in founding the high school youth group. The family were also good friends with Msgr. Ronald Swett before he migrated to Bakersfield.

I attended Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where I earned a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1984. After a summer traveling Europe, I landed my first (and only real) position in an architectural firm in Bakersfield where I interned, took the licensing exams and became a Registered Architect in 1987. I left the firm after nine and half years to start my current career as a sole proprietor. During this time, I met Celeste Visconti (she worked for a developer client of the firm) and we married in the fall of 1985 at St. Philip's where we were parishioners. We started a family soon thereafter and now have a total of five children, Joshua (from a previous relationship), Adam, Mason, Eric and Gabrielle, whom we adopted in 2000. Celeste likes to say, "we make boys, so we had to buy a girl."

The boys all earned degrees from major out of state universities. Most of our "vacations" during those years were visiting the kids and their friends in New York, Seattle and Minneapolis. We have four grandchildren, all boys. Two live in Wenatchee, WA and two are here in Bakersfield. I love to travel, enjoy reading, music (listening and going to concerts) working in the yard and barbequing for friends and family. I thought that if I was not in architecture I could be a chef or a musician). Not that you can tell post COVID, but I had been participating in obstacle course races previously, at several venues up and down the west coast.

We moved over to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton around 2015 and have greatly enjoyed being a part of this parish family where we are surrounded by wonderful, spiritual and loving people.



WPGK Michael Dhanens
Grand Knight Report

Brothers. This is formally my last Grand Knight Report. First of all, my sincere apologies for being so neglectful of the Newsletter the past nearly two months. Both my personal and professional life have been off-the-charts busy over the summer and a little stressful. As a result, it feels as though I have missed a lot at the Council level and I feel a little disconnected at present with the parish family. I know that will turn around in the coming weeks and I look forward to seeing more of you then. I want to congratulate the new officers elected at the June meeting. There are some changes up and down the slate that will keep the Council moving in the right direction. And I have no doubt that the Council is in good, if not better, hands for the next Columbian Year. I look forward to working closely with Brothers Donovan and Bill and the rest of the officers in the months to come.

I have been greatly honored and humbled to have had the opportunity to serve as Grand Knight of Council 14754 this past year. One of the great things about the position is the opportunity to speak with, and get to know, so many of our Brother Knights, and especially the new members who have committed to the Council and the parish the past year. I firmly believe that this group has a lot to give, not only the parish, but the greater Bakersfield community. Please continue living your faith!

Vivat Jesus!

JASON BARNES MEMBER PROFILE

By Jim Patten, PGK, Charter Member & Membership Director

Jason is one of our three new members who joined us in June 2023. He was born in 1969 in Bakersfield and has one sibling, his brother Brad.

Jason is an executive with PPG, the world's largest coatings manufacturer.

He attended high school at Highland High and went on to attend CSUB where he was a proud member of the Roadrunners NCAA National Championship Swim Team.

Jason joined the Knights for their principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Like many of our newer members Jason took his Exemplification online so I would say he certainly paid attention while viewing it.

Jason states that he loves to cycle. In 2018 he won the California Triple Crown (three 200-mile bike rides). He reports that has donated 17- gallons of blood to the Houchin blood bank.

Jason and his wife Laura celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary on March 24, 2023. They have two grown daughters, Ahbree and Kelsee.

Jason became a Catholic in 2016 and is a registered parishioner at SEAS.



Laura, Kelsee, Jason and Ahbree Barnes