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JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #14754

Please join us for our next Council meeting, Monday, July 8th in the St. Therese Room. Social Hour will start at 6:00pm and the General Meeting will follow at 7:00pm. All men of the parish are welcome to attend our social hour.



Happy Birthday!

JUNE 2024
BIRTHDAYS & Years
of Service

- 07 Jim Patten PGK, 18
- 09 Pat Matiowetz PGK, 8
- 10 Gordon Fisher, 7
- 11 Gary Piron, 5
- 12 Keith Peters, 7
- 13 Dino Cumpitaz, 11
- 13 Jose Gabella, 3
- 14 Michael Shive, 1
- 15 Ben Mendoza, 7
- 18 Larry Hendricks, 29
- 18 Vince Pagano PGK, 10
- 20 Richard Escalante, 13
- 21 David Lopez, 1
- 21 Alfred Quenum, 2
- 23 Matt Harkey, 13
- 26 Eric Menor PGK, 13
- 28 Mike Cooper, 7
- 28 Pete Santiago, 14

Our 18 June birthdays include four of our 12 PGKs. These 18 members have average years of service is 9.4 which range from 1 to 29. Their average age is 66 and the age range is from 43 to 87.

Upcoming events:

July 2024 will mark the beginning of our council's 16th complete fraternal year. Check our website calendar for details on the 8/24/2024 Gossamer Banquet at Hodels where brother Sam Duran will be a speaker

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The submission deadline for our July 2024 newsletter is 7/9/2024 Please email submissions to Jim Patten (jpinbakca@gmail.com).

NOTE FROM BILL JEFFRIES, DGK & MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Please call or email me (661-703-6171 billjeffries1953@gmail.com) if you have any questions about your membership, and feel free to give my contact information to prospective members you may know. As of 5/31/30 we are at 1890members which includes 49 insurance members and 140 associate members. We have several new member applications in process. We continue to be the largest council in the Kern and Inyo county area.

ON SUCCESS

Put others before yourself,
and you can become a leader
among others.

I don't know the key to success,
but the key to failure is trying
to please everybody.

The dictionary is the only place where success becomes before work.

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN AND PASTOR

On May 25, our Diocese ordained 6 men to the Priesthood. This is one of those rare “bumper crop” ordination years that occurs once in a great while. There were 5 ordinations the year I was ordained. Prior to that, you would have to go back to the late 1960s to see a group that size. Needless to say, God has blessed us with a great group of new priests who are beginning their ministry to the people of the Central Valley. Please pray for their success and well-being!

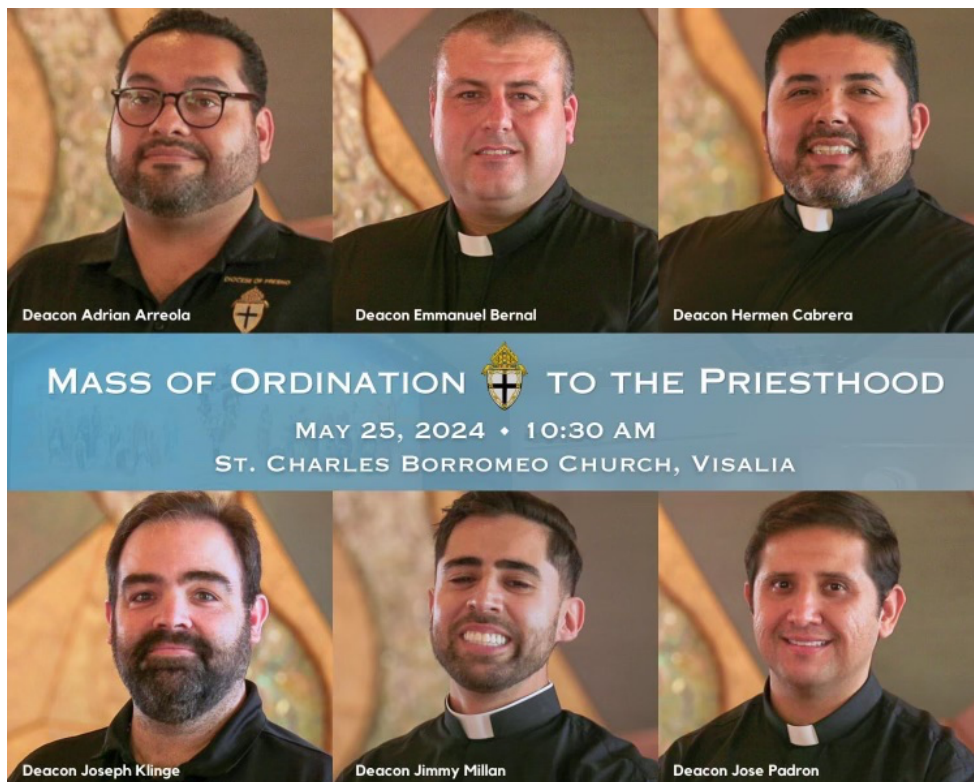
I’m also happy to share with you that we will have a new permanent deacon sometime next year. He is a transfer from a nearby parish who joined our parish recently. With permission of the bishop, he will receive his deacon assignment here at St. Elizabeth’s. I will be introducing him to the parish in the near future.

We should all be praying for vocations from our parish family. We have a good number of young men in our youth ministry programs and it is clear that some of them might have a possible vocation. It’s difficult to discern this as a teenager but, with our support, encouragement, and prayer, we can plant the seed within these young men so that, when they reach a more mature age, they might consider priesthood and/or religious life.

Let’s talk more about how our council might better promote priestly vocations!

Msgr Perry

Editor’s note: Fr. Jimmy Millan, one of our prior seminarians, was one of the six men ordained to the Priesthood noted in Fr. Perry’s article. PGK Dennis Shaw presented Father Jimmy with a \$650 council check from a collection that was taken up for him at our May meeting.



Here are the six men, now priests, after their ordination.



KNIGHT FOOD BOOTH AT THE 2024 HERITAGE FESTIVAL

On May 19, 2024, our council had the Mexican/American food booth at the third annual parish Heritage Festival. Our Pit Master crew headed up by brother Tim Escalante served up. Baby back ribs and menudo. Here are some of our Pit Masters doing their thing at the event and our booth.



St. Vincent DePaul donation reminder, by PGK Michael Dhanens

Brothers. It's time again to provide our Council support for the homeless served by the St. Vincent DePaul Center. Please bring either a package of men's or women's socks or underwear to the Council Meeting on Monday, July 8. These can be purchased at Costco, Sam's Club or other large box retailers, and usually come in a package of 6. We can also provide support in the form of donating gently used men's and women's clothing items (shirts, pants, jackets) from your closets. Lastly, the center also uses the plastic grocery bags we all collect from the supermarkets to use for their handouts. Please bring any you have accumulated over the past several months. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Photos from May Charter Night council meeting



At our May council meeting we invited both PGKs and charter members to attend to mark the end of the first 15 years of our council's operations which began on April 20, 2009.

The photo above at the left are six of our PGKs and our current GK.

From left to right are PGKs Michael Dhanens, Pat Mathiowetz, Dennis Shaw, Jim Patten, Mike Neal, Tony Urzanqui, and GK Donovan White.

In the photo above at the right are nine of our charter members standing in front of our council charter. From left to right are Don Dale, Tony Urzanqui, Jim Gabel, Mike Neal, Mike Zulfa, Brent Banducci, Terry Pelton, David Rodriguez, and Jim Patten.

Council Website, by Jim Patten

Our council website (kof14754.org) has been running since November 25, 2021. Here is a bit of the history on our site development and some recent site stats.

After looking at many council websites, I finally found the Piraino Enterprise KofC sample council templates and determined that they had everything I felt our council needed. Paul Piraino gave me the options available for using his template and web services and easily walked me thru the process. Although I had some experience, years ago before I retired, in managing my own faculty web site at Cal State University Bakersfield, I quickly realized that to do a web page properly today requires using a web master, like Paul, who is current in web technology, and with Knights of Columbus expertise is essential.

Our web page has become an integral part of our council operations since going online. Initially it took considerable time to tweak the content of our website, but now all I must do is provide Paul with content updates for changes in our slate of officers and directors, new calendar events, photo album updates, and provide our monthly newsletter to be posted to the newsletter page of our website, I believe the annual cost of about \$700 to maintain our site is well worth the investment.

If you click on the link K of C Website Templates at the very bottom of the home page of our website, you can see how our webmaster has integrated the content of our “award winning” website into the promotional material he uses.

Over the last two fraternal years some third of our members have used our website to pay both initial and annual dues. Our annual dollar volume at our council store is about \$8,000 which includes dues and donations, annual men’s retreat costs, and Knight polo shirts purchases. In the twelve months ended 5/31/2024 we had 179,822 in “hits” (hits is when a website comes up in internet searches. For the same period, we had 14,968 visitors to our site who viewed 29,665 individual pages within our site. We now have 10 pages within our site, so that tells us that visitors view most of our individual pages. Our fill-in-form membership application that our webmaster created for us serves us well in gathering the information required to enter new members into the supreme system and it also provide our admissions committee with the information they need to screen applicants and for us to introduce new members in their profiles that we publish in our newsletter.

Please use the CONTACT US link of our website to provide any suggestions for improvements to our website, or, heavens forbid, if you see any typos or other items that need editing.

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR REPORT

Andy Silvestro is taking over the community director position from Andy School who has moved to Maryland. Here are items he reported on at our June council meeting. Here is Andy’s email anthony-silvestro@att.net if you want to contact him about the events

Road side clean up: Scheduled for Saturday June 29, 2024. Volunteers meet at the front of SEAS at 8AM.

Catholic Charities: volunteers are needed for their Senior Distribution on June 18, and their Farmer’s Market on June 26.

Bakersfield Pregnancy Center: They need diaper sizes 1,5 & 6 + baby formula. Members are encouraged to drop off donations at council meetings, or at the center at 1801 18th Street.

Men’s Choir: Next events Father’s day 6/17 at the 7:30AM Mass, and 6/30 for the 5th Sunday Rosary after the 7:30AM Mass. Our reversals are usually Saturday mornings 9-10AM in the Music Room at SEAS. We could use a few more. Voices!

Friday Rosaries: Every Friday of the month starting at 6:30AM before the Friday Morning Masses, beginning June 14, 2024.

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe: Located at 4600 East Brundage Lane the shrine has 24/7 Adoration. Volunteers are needed. Plus, the relic of St. Jude, the Apostle will be there Tuesday June 11, 2024, from 2PM to 10PM with a Mass at 7PM.

Saint Vincent DePaul center: See brother Michael Dhanens reminder above about donation items needed at the center.

End note: June is the center month in the three most patriotic months for our country. In May we thank our military on Memorial Day, in June we honor our D-Day heroes, salute the Flag, on Flag Day, and in July celebrate our country’s birth on July 4.