



JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council
#14754

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“Do more than is required of you.” Gen George S. Patton

“You can’t wake a person who is pretending to be asleep.” Native American Philosophy

“The secret of getting ahead is getting started.” Mark Twain

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

One of the pillars of our Council celebrates his birthday this month. Jim Patton, who has served in a variety of roles in the Council was born in the third term of Franklin Roosevelt. On a personal note, Jim took me under his wing a couple of years ago and helped with my transition into doing the membership work and collecting dues. I'm forever grateful for that.

A few birthday notes... Our longest serving Knight born this month is Lawrence Hendricks, who lives in Florida but is still a member of our Council. Thank you Lawrence for 31 years in the Knights. Other long time Knights with birthdays in June include Matthew Harkey, Eric Menor, and Pete Santiago.

Our 4th degree Knights this month include newly transferred Rogelio Sanchez and PGK Vincent Pagano.

In a fun coincidence Michael Shive, Lawrence Hendricks, and Michael Cooper were all born within two weeks of one another this month in the second term of Dwight Eisenhower’s presidency. The number one song for most of that month was “Love Letters in the Sand” by Pat Boone.

Day, Knight, Yrs service

7, Jim Patten, 20	17, Sean Santillan, 1
11, Matthew Idoux, 8	18, Lawrence Hendricks, 31
11, Gary Piron, 7	18, SK Vince Pagano, 12
12, Keith Peters, 8	20, Richard Escalante, 15
13, Don Castro, 1	21, David Lopez, 2
13, Dino Chumpitaz, 13	23, Matthew Harkey, 15
13, Jose Gabella, 5	26, Eric Menor, 15
14, Mike Shive, 3	27, Matt Espinoza, 1
14, Eliseo Tifoya, 1	28, Michael Cooper, 9
15, Ben Mendoza, 9	28, Pete Santiago, 16
15, SK Rojelio Sanchez, 26	30, Kevin Kearney, 1
17, Rodolfo Castillo, 1	

WHAT'S UP

- Flag Day, **Sunday, June 14**
- Father's Day, **Sunday June 21**

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE MONSIGNOR PERRY

Dear Brother Knights and Friends:

I'm sure that many of us will be planning some kind of "getaway" during the hot summer months here in Bakersfield. Lots of people who live in our valley head to the Central Coast for some cool R&R. What could be better than listening to the ocean waves and breathing in some clean air for a change?! If you do venture to cooler weather, be sure to travel safely.

Not only that, but make certain you find a way of attending Mass on the weekends wherever you might be. I know it's pretty tempting to simply forego Mass when you are on vacation. Lots of folks find it difficult (inconvenient?) to find a church to attend. However, on the coast there are several nice churches that welcome visitors. Not only are you fulfilling your obligation as a member of the Catholic Church to receive the Eucharist on Sunday but you are giving yourself an opportunity to see what other Catholic parishes are like. Some folks bring me bulletins from churches they have visited and will tell me about things that they experienced in other churches. When I am in Cayucos (a few times yearly) I make it a point to attend daily Mass. I always meet nice people who are very welcoming (They don't know I'm a priest except for the local priest who I once introduced myself to.)

In any event, have a great summer! Even you stay here, find a way to rest and relax and be renewed!

Msgr Perry

NOTE FROM BROTHER JIM DEMING

Every year in January a good-sized group of men from our parish go together on retreat. Why do we go? Why do I so look forward to it?

Camaraderie

It describes us. It is a magical word. It makes our parish thrive. It describes what, who, Jesus seeks for us to become.

A Year of Faith, Fraternity, and Fruitful Service

As another Fraternal Year draws to a close, it is time to look back and marvel at what we have accomplished together. Thanks to the extraordinary hard work and unwavering dedication of the Knights of Columbus, our council has truly put our faith into action, leaving a lasting impact on our parish and the wider community.

Through your generosity and tireless volunteer hours, we have been able to provide vital financial and hands-on support to **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church**. Our mission also reached far beyond our parish walls. This year, we successfully funded and aided critical local organizations, including the **Bakersfield Pregnancy Center**, providing life-affirming resources to mothers and families, and **Catholic Charities**, helping to uplift our neighbors in greatest need. Also, our many breakfast meals prepared at **Saint Vincent De Paul**.

Furthermore, our strong partnership with the **Ladies Ministry** has allowed us to collaborate effectively on parish events, strengthening the bonds of our church family.

None of this would have been possible without our cornerstone fundraisers: **our six annual Fish Fries**. Friday after Friday during Lent, you chopped, battered, fried, and served with smiles on your faces. Those six nights require an immense amount of sweat equity, but the reward is clear. Because of those fish fries, we transformed community fellowship into tangible financial support for our ministries.

"Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus, and this year, you defined what it means to be a Knight."

To every brother Knight who pitched in, showed up early, stayed late, or offered their prayers: **thank you for doing such a great job this year**. Your dedication is the heartbeat of this council. Because of you, we enter the new Fraternal Year stronger, more united, and ready to continue serving God and our community.

Vivat Jesus!

WGK Andy Silvestro

FAITH MESSAGE
BILL JEFFRIES



Cor

The world needs courageous men to witness to 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 meeting at SEAS for Catholic Men age 18 and older is scheduled for Saturday June 6th from 7AM – 8:30AM at St John room. No meeting in July to enjoy the 4th of July weekend celebrating 250 years. Please RSVP by 1 PM Thursday June 4th to Brother Bill Jeffries at 661-706-6171 or email billjeffries1953@gmail.com

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

“Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” (Gospel for June 28, Mt 10:38)

Our fallen human condition involves a measure of suffering and trials. Our commitment as disciples of Jesus, Scripture tells us, necessarily means taking up our own crosses willingly. God will grant us the strength to endure all trials if we remain faithful, and our suffering can prove redemptive if we accept it and unite it to the passion of Christ. This doesn't mean we can't take steps to alleviate our suffering, but we are called to courageously bear our crosses, even when faced with persecution, and to thereby participate in the saving work of Christ.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet each day with the intention of uniting your daily sufferings with Christ's passion and in solidarity with all persecuted Christians around the world.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you carry your cross willingly, or do you feel it is forced upon you? Where do you turn when you need help with the weight of your cross? To prayer and the sacraments? To your family, friends, and brother Knights?

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