

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA
COUNCIL #12489**



April 2026 NEWSLETTER



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Grand Knight

My Brother Knights,

March has been a truly meaningful and active month for our council—one filled with faith, fraternity, and charity in action.

We began the month strong with our Pancake Breakfast at Slattery Hall, where so many of you came together in service and fellowship. These events are more than just meals—they are opportunities to build community, welcome parishioners, and demonstrate the visible presence of the Knights in our parish. Thank you to all who helped cook, serve, and clean—it takes a team, and our team continues to shine.

Our Council Meeting on St. Joseph’s Day was especially memorable. Celebrating this great saint—protector of families and model of quiet strength—reminded us of the virtues we strive to live out as Catholic gentlemen. The St. Joseph’s table and shared meal added a special spirit of tradition and unity to the evening.

We also enjoyed a wonderful Family Prayer Night and Fraternal Night Out at Wolf Creek Brewery, where brotherhood extended beyond the hall and into fellowship with our families. Events like these strengthen not only our council, but the bonds that support us in our daily lives.

As we approached the end of the month, we prepared for two significant events: the Exemplification at St. Clare, welcoming new brothers into our Order, and the Knights of Columbus Founders Day Mass on March 29th. This Mass is a powerful reminder of our roots and our mission—founded on charity, unity, and fraternity over 140 years ago.

Our charitable works continue to make a real difference in our community. Through the generosity of our parish and the dedication of our members, we have supported local organizations such as St. Anne’s Maternity Home, Finally Family Homes, we received an honor from Fostering Youth Independence at our Council Meeting. With 40 Cans for Lent we were able to provide food to SCV Grocery which feeds our local seniors food banks and the Foster Young Adults. Always striving to live out our calling to serve those most in need. Whether through donations, volunteer time, or simple acts of kindness, each of you plays a vital role in this mission.

On a personal note, I want to thank all of you for your continued support and brotherhood. These past months have not been easy for me, but your friendship, prayers, and presence have meant more than words can express. This is what makes our Order so special—we are truly brothers.

As we move into April and continue our Lenten journey, I encourage each of you to remain active, wear your council shirts proudly, and invite others to join us in our mission. Together, we are building something lasting—not just for our parish, but for our families and our faith.

Thank you for all that you do.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally yours,


Frank J. DeSantis, Jr.
Grand Knight
Council 12489

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL OR IN DISTRESS

John Vega, David Maldonado, Bob McMath, James Fisher, Danny Kielty, PGK Shawn Sourgose, PGK Thane Wilson, PGK Richard Ravizza, Gloria Plassmeyer, Patti Karr, Colleen Wolf, Kathy Diely, Irma Muñoz, Ruben Maldonado, Peggy Rudder, Julie Sandoval, Alfredo Matzen, Salvador Torres, Nicole Torres, Lino Martin Jr., and for healing in the Church, our country, and the world.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Robert Sarmiento, Thomas Dennis McGeever, Biagio (Benny) Faretta, Carlos Sarmiento, Hector Manuel Briones, Penny DeSantis, Mark Wolf, Lisa Sperbeck, Reba, Mona Defehr, Norma G. Quioc, Ken (Russel) Karr, Pope Francis, Rose Carson, Carol Westlake, Ted Hull, Mateo Miramontes, Raymond Montes, Melissa Martin, Steve Daems, Deputy Alfredo Flores, Mary Ann Wilson, Misty Wolf, Carlos Orozco II, FN Sergio Chaparro, Josephine Aragon, Mary Lou Etzel, Dr. William Adler, Deputy Ryan Clinkunbroomer, and all the souls in purgatory.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR ARMED FORCES ESPECIALLY

Robert Martin, Danny Bolewski, Christopher Domingo, Scott Vrudny, Alex James, Michael Boulos, Casey Monaghan, Kevin Holzer, and Christopher Kishel.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, April 3rd is Good Friday. Please refer to the church bulletin for all the activities happening in the church this day.

Saturday, April 4th we will be gathering at the church to return the Stations of the Cross to their outdoor locations. Be there at 9 am.

Sunday, April 5th is Easter Sunday. **THE LORD HAS RISEN!**

Sunday, April 12th is the St Kateri Café in Slattery Hall. Look for the email with the Signup sheet for vounteers.

Thursday, April 16th is the general meeting in Slattery Hall. We will begin with dinner at 6 pm. Rosary at 6:45 pm. Meeting at 7 pm. Please wear Council shirt and badge.

Saturday, April 18th is the Food Safety Training in Slattery Hall at 8:15 am. Hope to see many of you who help out in the Pancake Breakfast, Pasta Dinner, VBS, Faith Formation end of year BBQ, etc.

Saturday, April 18th is the 4th Degree Exemplification in the Lancaster Council Hall. 719 West Avenue M Lancaster, CA 93535. Candidates check in at 12 noon and Exemplification at 1 pm.

Look for the monthly Family Dinner Night for this month. An email will inform you of the date, time, and location.

Your Membership dues are now due and you can [PAY YOUR DUES HERE.](#)

Most contact information can be found in this newsletter and in our website.



Words From Our Lecturer

Mary Our Blessed Mother

Mary's parents, Anne and Joachim were elderly and without children. They prayed to have a child. An angel appeared to them and said the Lord has heard your prayer and you shall bring forth a child shielded from all sin.

Mary had middle eastern features with dark hair and eyes, spoke Aramaic and heard Hebrew, Latin and Greek spoken. She spent her days helping her mother. The life expectancy at this time was around 30. People married young to have a family. Mary most likely was a teenager when she and Joseph were married. It was tradition to live apart the first year. During this time the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her she was to have a child who would be called holy, the son of God. Joseph, in a dream, was also told this same message.

When they were together they traveled for a week to Bethlehem to pay their taxes. There were so many people in Bethlehem there was no room in the inns. Mary gave birth to Jesus in a stable. Mary raised Jesus in Nazareth until He started His ministry, and she traveled with Him during His three years of preaching.

After Jesus's death Mary was nearing 50 years of age, well above the 30 year life expectancy. She may have been cared for by James and spent time in Jerusalem or her home in Nazareth. There is no record of Mary's death. We believe as Pope Pius XII did when in 1950 he proclaimed at Mary's death she was assumed body and soul into heaven.

Since her death there have been over 2000 sightings of Mary all over the world.





April 2 Jeff Brown
April 5 Robert Gudikunst
April 8 Robert Gonzalez
April 12 Patrick Van Puyvelde
April 14 Roberto Sanchez
April 16 Robert Stolarski
April 17 Danny Kielty
April 20 George Martin
Deacon Ed Littleton
April 21 Patrick Daems
April 22 Andy Garcia
April 23 Oscar June Tan
April 25 Ryan Vergara
April 28 David Pawlik
Kevin Benz
Daniel Bunch
April 30 Larry Haynes
Loren Barkley
Gary Onyshko

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