



APRIL 2026 Newsletter

Council 2455



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Golf for Life

At Beautiful *Crystalaire Country Club* in Llano, CA

Saturday, April 25th 2026

Includes:
\$150 Golf, Cart, Lunch, Practice Balls,
and Goody Bag!

Help support the **LIFE SAVING WORK** of the
Women's Clinic of the Antelope Valley!

Women's Clinic
Antelope Valley

Visit <http://www.womensclinic.org> to learn more.

Hole in One Contest
Mens & Womens Longest Drive
Poker Run
Putting Contest
Chipping Contest

Visit WWW.PALMDALEKNIGHTS.ORG for SIGN UP info & **SPECIAL PRICING**

POKER NIGHT
APRIL 23 ... 6PM
2 TABLES
HOLD 'EM &
DEALER'S CHOICE
FOOD & DRINKS PROVIDED



HOSTED BY
CAMERON PERRY





KNIGHTS COUNCIL 2455

presents

1st ANNUAL DARRIN ARMSTRONG CLUB CARNIVORE ROAST



HONORING LONGTIME FINANCIAL SECRETARY DENNIS LODOVICI

- SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH 2026

- A \$20 Ticket gets a steak dinner with a variety of beers, a few choice bourbons, and cigars to sample. This is a “men being manly” event. Act accordingly.
- Knights or potential Knights only (recruitment angle)
- In the Outback (poker to follow)
- 50/50 and Raffles for additional Donated Prizes and additional charity
- All proceeds will go to the *Huntington's Disease Society of America National Youth Alliance* (in the name of Darrin and Monique Armstrong)

Club Carnivore Roast Committee Members:

M. Blichke – K. Mahady – M. Thacker – B. Parnett – J. Johnson – T. Yaroslaski – D. Marin



Pastoral Thoughts - April 2026

We begin the month of April with Holy Week and Easter Sunday. In Holy Week we journey liturgically with Christ from Palm Sunday, through his Passion and Death, to the glory of the Resurrection. It would be nice if we could attend some if not all of these special Holy Week services. These demonstrate the tremendous love Christ has for us by his suffering and dying for us on Good Friday. Afterwards we celebrate Easter and glory of the Lord's Resurrection. It is through Our Lord's life, death and resurrection that we have been saved. Easter confirms and validates what was accomplished by Christ rising from the dead. In 1 Corinthians 15:12 Paul preached: "If there is no resurrection of the dead, then neither has Christ been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then empty too is our preaching; empty, too, your faith." Christ overcame the darkness of death and made it possible for us to also share in his Resurrection.

Another significant date this month is Tax Day. It can be a tedious task to go through business and home receipts and expenses. With the ongoing changes to the tax codes, our tax deductions, and tax exemptions we often worry about making mistakes in filing our taxes. If we do, the IRS will let us know. I've use H and R Block for decades. As I watch the computer needing data and clarifying entries it takes two hours. I could never do it on my own. I also like their Peace of Mind policy as I kid the preparer that if I go to jail he's coming with me. Jesus was asked about paying the temple tax. He replied give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what belongs to God. Unfortunately God does not reprimand when we haven't given God his due. Often we worry more about our worldly taxes than our "spiritual taxes". I often wonder if we are as thorough when it comes to giving God what belongs to God. Do we put forth a good effort when it comes to living the Ten Commandments and the Gospel? In our spiritual works and exercises do we even put forth a fraction of the time and effort that we spend in living our worldly lives? In many ways we probably come up short. We can definitely do better in 2026. So this month is full of opportunities for us to give to God what belongs to God and to remember what Our Lord has done for us by his life, death, and resurrection. May April be a time of holiness as we continue our 2026 journey of faith.

- Fr. Phil Llanos

Message from the Grand Knight



Council Highlights –

I extend my warmest wishes to all of our members and their families for a blessed, happy, and joyful Easter season. May this sacred time bring renewed faith, hope, and unity to each of your homes.

The past month has been both active and highly productive for our council, marked by strong participation and a spirit of service that continues to define our mission. I would like to begin by offering my sincere appreciation to Fr. Phil for celebrating the Mass for the handicapped. This event was especially meaningful, as it saw the highest attendance to date. The reverence and community presence made it a truly memorable occasion, reflecting our council's commitment to inclusivity and compassion.

Our Lenten Fish Fry dinners, held on February 20 and March 20, were once again a tremendous success. I would like to commend Mike Blischke, Dave Marin, Dennis Lodovicci, Bob Parnett, and Todd Yaroslaski for their exceptional leadership, organization, and dedication in executing these events. Their efforts ensured that approximately 150 council members and their families were served at each gathering in a welcoming and efficient manner. I would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Ladies Knights, and in particular Cheryl Mahady, whose outstanding desserts were greatly enjoyed and added a special touch to the evenings.

On March 21, the council hosted a highly enjoyable Karaoke and Game Night, which provided a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and community building. Special thanks go to Cameron and Allen for their enthusiasm and coordination in leading this event, ensuring that all in attendance had an engaging and memorable experience.

Additionally, I would like to recognize Steve for his continued excellence in organizing our Bingo events. His efforts resulted in another highly successful and well-attended event, demonstrating both his commitment and skill. One might say, in good humor, that his talents are worthy of recruitment by the LA Dodgers... He sure hits it out of the park!!

Next...We have several important events coming up, and I encourage all brothers and their families to participate whenever possible.

Upcoming Masses, Meetings & Events

- **April General Meeting – April 9th, 2026**
Join us for Rosary at 6:15 PM before the meeting. This is a family event. Starting the evening in Prayer and dedication to our mother Mary, is a meaningful way to pray and grow spiritually with our brother Knights.
- **May General Meeting – May 14th, 2026**
Please make a commitment to participate with Fr. Phil and brother Knights for **Mass at 6:00pm** before the meeting. This is a family mass and will be dedicated to “Mary the mother of Jesus and the church, and our mothers too”. Starting the evening in Prayer and Eucharist is a meaningful way to show support for our Mother Mary and our continued love of our mothers.
- **June Stay Tuned for upcoming events!**

Correction Notice: Corporate Communion was originally scheduled for Sunday, March 29; however, as this date coincided with the beginning of Holy Week, it was postponed to a later date. The rescheduled date will be announced at the next business meeting. We regret any inconvenience or confusion this change may have caused and appreciate your understanding.

In closing, I would like to thank all members, volunteers, and families who contributed their time, energy, and support throughout the month. Your dedication is the foundation of our council’s strength and continued success. I look forward to building on this momentum in the months ahead.

Faith Reflection: A simple Easter Season thought...

During the Easter season, we give thanks for all blessings and for the gift of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. As brothers in the Knights of Columbus, this should strengthen us in unity, charity, and faith. Let us be guided to be true witnesses of the risen Lord, serving our families, our Church, and our communities with love, gratitude and humility.

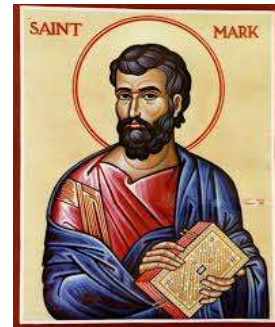
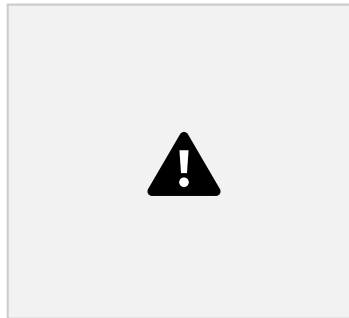
Vivat Jesus!

Tim Buckley

Grand Knight of the DISTINGUISHED Knights of Columbus Council #2455

COCKTAILS WITH THE SAINTS

April 2026



Saint Mark the Evangelist - Feast Day - April 25th

- Saint Mark the Evangelist (d. 68) is traditionally believed to have been a disciple of St. Peter, whose memories of Our Lord Mark recorded in his Gospel.
- Many feel Mark is referring to himself when he mentions the man running away naked in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mk. 14:51).
- Mark, whom the Coptic Church honors as its founder, journeyed to Alexandria, where he was martyred by being dragged through the streets.
- In AD 828, Venetian merchants sneaked his relics through a Muslim checkpoint by hiding them in pork.
- St. Mark's Day has become an occasion for eating cherries.

St. Mark

$\frac{3}{4}$ oz gin

$\frac{3}{4}$ oz dry vermouth

$\frac{1}{2}$ oz cherry liquor

$\frac{1}{2}$ oz grenadine

- Pour all ingredients into a shaker filled with ice.
- Stir until very cold.
- Strain into a cocktail glass

(Drinking With the Saints - The Sinner's Guide to a Holy Happy Hour)



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4/1 SK DENNIS LODOVICI, GEORGE PULOS
- 4/4 SK RICARDO BERNABE
- 4/5 RODERIC ROSARIO
- 4/9 GARY VIERRA
- 4/10 RICHARD RAMIREZ
- 4/14 LARRY JONES
- 4/16 FRANK CACCIOLA
- 4/17 SK MARK MERTEN, WADIE TADROS
- 4/18 ROLAND PATIN
- 4/19 DANIEL REJNIAK
- 4/20 OSCAR ALVARADO
- 4/21 SEBASTIAN ENRIQUEZ
- 4/22 PAUL SKINNER
- 4/23 RICHARD RODRIGUEZ, ~~WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE~~
- 4/24 MARK VELASCO, WILLIAM MUSTARD
- 4/25 SK ALEX CAMELLO
- 4/26 SK JESS ALILAIN, ROBERT PELAYO, JOE SERRATO
- 4/27 STEPHEN MARMON
- 4/29 JERRY MURNANE

Contra Mundum

Your Council 2455 Knights softball team takes the field once again this FRIDAY, April 10th at 6:30 at Lancaster City Park . . . Is there a better sports event than the Masters? . . . I have spent years squawking about how I never get sick anymore . . . and then I missed Easter Mass and the business meeting as I can't shake this cough and general malaise . . . When I was teaching high school, I had a student named Moses, who - quite literally - nothing about . . . um . . . Moses. Nothing on the burning bush, nothing on the Ten Commandments. You name it . . . I can't believe I live in a world where Mike Blischke is a chili cookoff champion . . . Did you see that OF from the Angels rob three homers in one game? . . . Spring means golf season, so if you want to join any of our Council 2455 outings, contact me or the Assistant to the Golf Director, Cameron Perry . . . How about we wrap this up with two overlooked lines from American cinema that we should all recall?

- **“I won't be wronged, I won't be insulted, I won't be laid-a-hand on. I don't do these things to other people and I require the same of them.”** - John Wayne giving young Ron Howard life advice in Wayne's final film, *The Shootist*.
- **“In this world, Elwood, you must be oh so smart or oh so pleasant! Well, for years I was smart, I recommend pleasant. And you may quote me.”** - Jimmy Stewart as Elwood P. Dowd in 1950's *Harvey*.

Vivat Jesus!

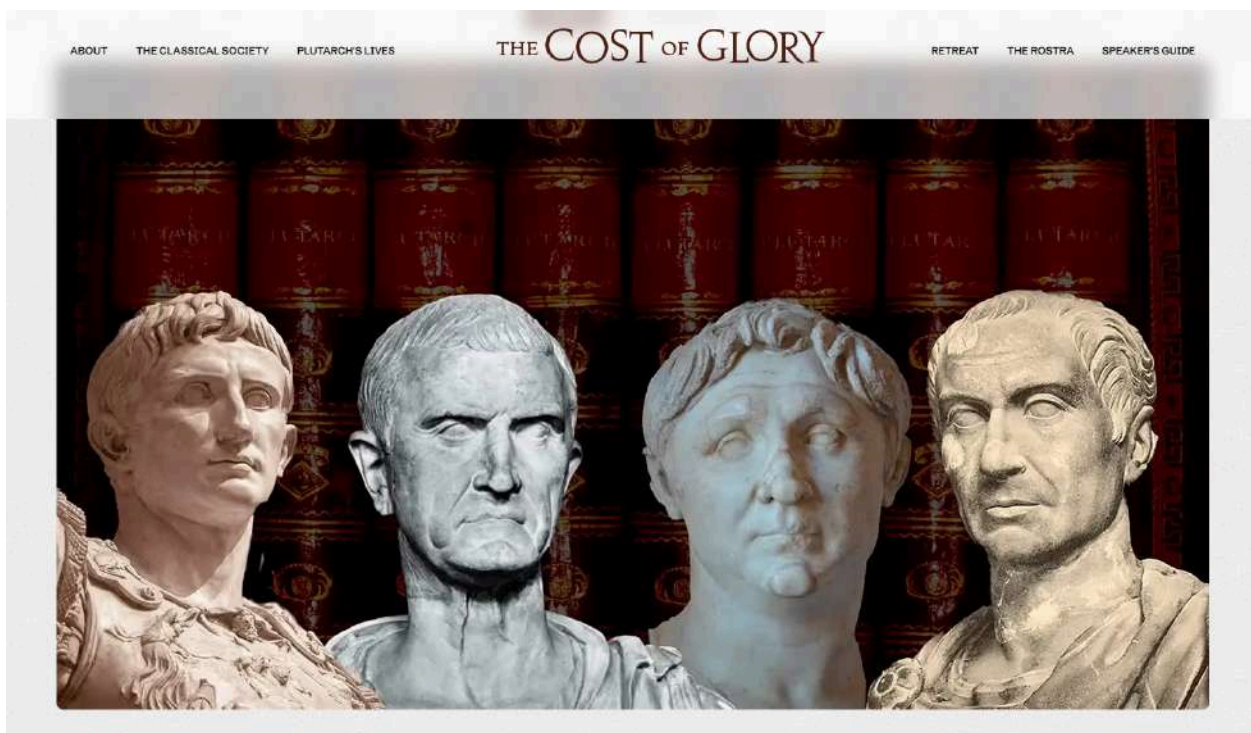


Dutch Mahady - April 2026

“SUBMITTED FOR YOUR APPROVAL . . .”

(MONTHLY CATHOLIC FORMATION IDEAS FOR OUR BROTHERS!!)

THE COST OF GLORY PODCAST



Summary: My name is **Alex Petkas** and it is my mission to bring the wisdom of Plutarch — historian, philosopher, literary artist — to modern audiences. *Plutarch's Lives*, retold dramatically, for busy people trying to accomplish things. All the highlights, best quotes, greatest moments. With analysis and practical takeaways.

SEE YOUR COUNCIL WEBSITE!



- **APRIL** CALENDAR OF EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC. . .
- NAMES OF OFFICERS TO WHOM YOU CAN COMPLAIN
- THE (BRO)SARY WILL BEGIN AROUND 6:15 ON THURSDAY, **APRIL 9TH.**
- ALL THIS AND MORE!

Council 2455 Officer List

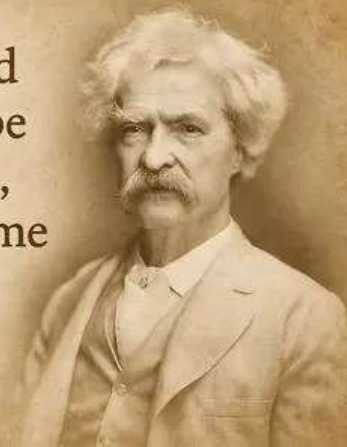
Grand Knight	-	SK Tim Buckley
Chaplain	-	Father Phil Llanos
Financial Secretary	-	Dennis Lodovici, PGK
Deputy Grand Knight	-	Kevin "Dutch" Mahady
Chancellor	-	Mike Miscione, PGK
Recorder	-	Cameron "Three Putt" Perry
Treasurer	-	Bob Parnett
Advocate	-	Juan "JJ" Gonzalez
Lecturer	-	Robert Cruz
Warden	-	Alfonso Fernandez
Inside Guards	-	Robert Harris, Allen Whorton
Outside Guards	-	David Kimbell, Dennis Saenz
Trustees	-	Robert Asaro, PGK, Todd Yaroslaski, Chris Blischke, PGK

MONTHLY MEMES



“Politicians and
diapers must be
changed often,
and for the same
reason.”

– Mark Twain

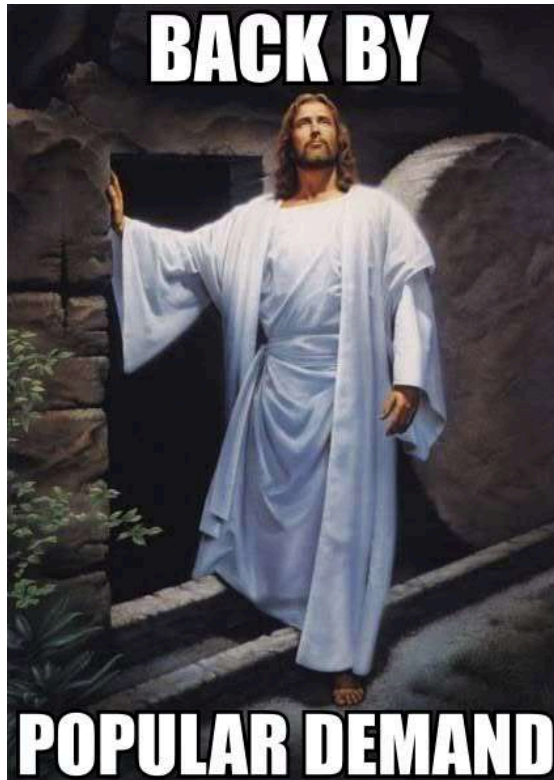


WE ALL MAKE FUN OF CATHOLICS



UNTIL WE NEED AN EXORCISM

BACK BY



POPULAR DEMAND

Lady Knights News



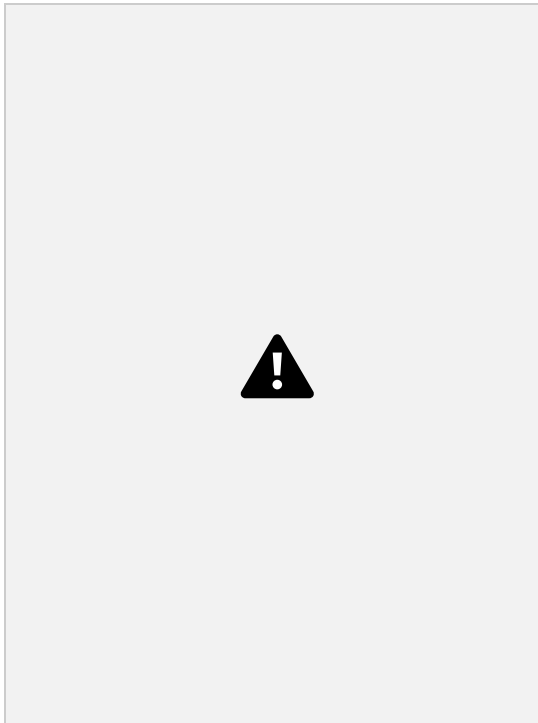
- Council 2455's Lady Knights want you to know they will next meet on **Tuesday, May 5th** at 6 pm in the Hall. **All Lady Knights are invited and welcome.** If you're coming, please bring a \$5 bingo gift!

COUNCIL 2455 SPORTS PAGE!



SPRING SEASON STARTS FRIDAY, 4/10 AT 6:30. BE THERE.

ANNUAL LADY'S TEA





March 21st Game Knight/Karaoke



Just Because



A WORD from America's Finest Field Agent

April message

We spend six weeks each year during Lent fasting, praying and almsgiving. We hope to unite our fasting and praying with Jesus' 40 days of fasting and praying in the desert, to focus on preparing both our inner and outer selves to celebrate the great Easter feast. We give alms to identify with that great sacrifice of God giving His only begotten Son. With Easter on April 5th this year, I hope this finds that you had a very blessed celebration of this central Christian feast! Easter certainly brings thoughts of newness and renewal. We hope our fasting, praying and almsgiving renews our closeness to God. As Spring settles in, I observe the many rituals of the season. I think of newness and renewal. Outside beds are prepared for new planting. I see the new blossoms on trees and flowers reaching full bloom, lengthening of daylight, and a rush of sounds and sights not seen for many months. Schoolchildren begin to count down the days to summer vacation. Parents do the same counting down...perhaps without the joy of the children! Spring seems to elicit looking forward. As I look forward to this Spring, I am renewed in my mission to meet with my members. I want to keep you apprised of any changes you might want to consider in your insurance program. I hope you will keep me apprised of any changes in your circumstances. Adjustments can be made to make sure that you are on the path to reaching your goals. The Order offers a diverse array of products and services to help you do that. Together we can complete or update your financial needs analysis. This can show where you stand and help discover any gaps in protection you might have. Our products: life insurance, retirement annuities, long-term care insurance and disability income insurance, are our core products to help protect you and your family. I'll call on you soon to see if it makes sense to arrange for a meeting.

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Vivat Jesus!

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