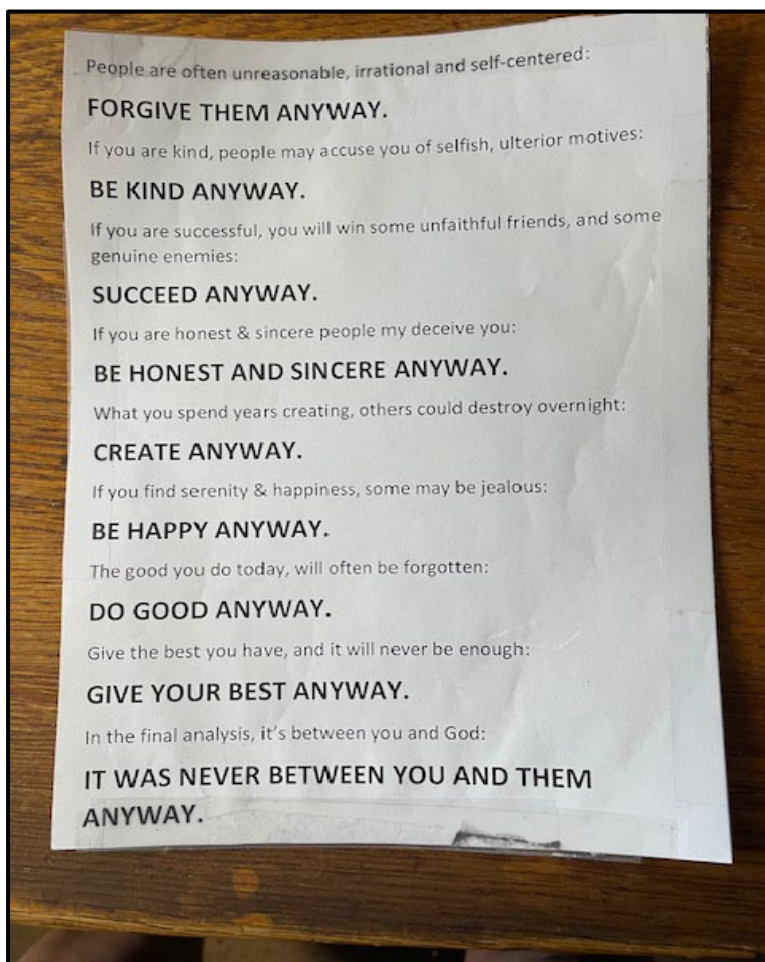




## **MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER**

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #14754**

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## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

We have 20 members of the Council celebrating birthdays in the month of May. Our youngest Knight celebrating this month is Nicholas Andrade who turns 30 on May 8th. Our most senior knight, Ray Brodt, turns 95 on May 11th. As a history teacher, I would want to point out that Ray was born in the presidency of Herbert Hoover. 16 different men have served as president during his lifetime! Collectively we have Knights celebrating a birthday in their 30's 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, and 90's, this month only one 4th Degree knight has a birthday, Sir Knight Timothy Guenther. The average number of years of service is about 8. Our longest serving knight is Kelly Olson, who is in his 23rd year of membership.

### **Day, Knight, Yrs service**

2, Henry Villa, 2  
4, Robert Aldridge, 10  
6, Patrick Camou, 1  
6, Hugh McGowan, 5  
8, Nicholas Andrade, 1  
11, Raymond Brodt, 15  
13, Jose Ozaeta, 9  
14, Toney Heider, 6  
19, Kenneth Lee, 13  
20, Timothy Guenther, 1  
22, Don Dale, 2  
22, Alberto Melendez, 9  
23, Robert Holtermann, 8  
23, Darren Williams, 4  
24, Babby Kurian, 7  
24, Kelly Olson, 22  
27, Barry Sarver, 13  
29, Jason Geronimo, 7  
30, John Zabatta, 9

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- Appeal for Assistance: Brother Michael Dhanens

The submission deadline for our June newsletter is June 4. Please send as Word Documents.  
Please email submissions to Ed Knudson: email: [osuetk@bak.rr.com](mailto:osuetk@bak.rr.com)

## MAY MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Our Knights had a very busy April with the Lenten fish dinners, the 5K pancake breakfast, followed by Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter, and Divine Mercy Sunday. May 3<sup>rd</sup> started out with a very successful SEAS Golf Tournament at River Lakes followed by the SEAS Heritage Festival on May 4<sup>th</sup> where the Pitmaster's served almost 150 plates of ribs.

Many Knights volunteered and participated at these events and our Masses. I want to thank all of you. Four Brother Knights also need special acknowledgement for their work as they took time to clean up the kitchen fryers used for the fish dinners. Special thanks to Rocky Lacertoso, Juan Tirado, and Ray Warren. Also, Brother Mike Panos helped with the final cleanup after the Heritage Festival. We are grateful for him hauling 3 loads of trash that filled up the dumpsters twice over.

**IMPORTANT** items to review with Brother Knights:

1. We have SEAS Knights with a First or Second Degree. Brother Craig Holliday, Membership Director and GK Bill Jeffries will be reaching out to you by email/phone to encourage you to attend a 30 minute on-demand ceremony from home on your computer. You can have your family participate with you as you review the lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity required of a Third Degree Knight.
2. We also need to update each SEAS Knight's email address, phone number, spouse and next of kin contact information. This past year we had a single Brother Knight who passed away and we did not have a next of kin contact when funeral plans were to be made. Our information needs to be verified and updated if necessary.
3. I encourage young Knights with children or planning to have children to review the newest Fraternal Benefits for your family. Contact Fraternal Insurance Agent Brother Uriel Payan, at 661-699-0366 or by email at [uriel.payan@kofc.org](mailto:uriel.payan@kofc.org) . This information is truly invaluable.
4. It's time for Knights to get involved and become active during our upcoming fraternal year. We need you to attend the monthly Officers' Business meetings and to learn what the Directors and Officers do. Get involved with your Council!
5. We would also love to have some "handy and creative" Knights to review, clean up, and give a "facelift" to our bulletin board above the large bin where food donations are collected. The plastic paper holder is broken and needs to be replaced. Contact GK Bill at 661-706-6171

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday, May 17** Knights will serve breakfast at SVDP. We ask that you sign up and arrive at 6:30AM to cook a delicious breakfast and clean up. The event finishes up about 10 AM. Come and volunteer to feed the hungry and needy of our community. **"Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto Me!"** PGK Michael Dhanens is coordinating this breakfast for the homeless.

**Saturday, May 24** Deacon Martin Ortega will be ordained to the priesthood at St. Anthony of Padua 5770 N Maroa, in Fresno at 10:30 AM.

**Sunday, May 25** Father Martin Ortega will celebrate Mass at SEAS at 11:30 AM.

**Saturday June 7** SEAS Knights **roadside pickup** is scheduled starting at 8AM at SEAS. Contact SK Andy Silvestro to sign up.

Brother Knights you, your family and friends are invited to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> **Sunday Rosary June 29<sup>th</sup>** that begins after the end of the 7:30 AM Mass. If you attend the 9:30 AM Mass come a little early for parking, get a good seat and recite the Rosary.

God Bless You Brother Knights and your family!

GK Bill Jeffries

### **APPEAL FOR DONATION**

On behalf of Brothers Andy Silvestro and Michael Dhanens, Council 14754 would like to begin collecting, on a monthly basis, item from our membership for distribution to either St. Vincent DePaul Center and/or the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center. We would like to make this an ongoing ministry so please consider bringing to each General Meeting any of the following items:

#### **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*

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Council 14754 will be cooking and serving breakfast at the St. Vincent DePaul Center on Saturday, May 17. Those interested in helping will be meeting at 6:30 AM at the Center to begin food prep. Serving will start around 8:30 AM; clean up to follow. Your commitment will last until about 9:30 AM. The St. Vincent DePaul Center is located at 300 Baker Street. We are looking for approximately 10 volunteers. Look for an upcoming Flocknote announcement for an opportunity to sign-up or come to the general meeting on Monday, May 12. Please contact PGK Michael Dhanens at 661/747-6285 or [mdarchitect@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mdarchitect@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions or need further information. Thank you.



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