



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #14754

Please join us for our next Council meeting, Monday, November 8th. We will be meeting in person at the parish with a social hour beginning at 6:00pm in the St Stephen Room. The general council meeting will start afterward at 7:00pm. We sincerely hope that you will be able to attend.

10/02 Brent Banducci

10/02 John Lugo

10/02 Peter Perich

10/05 Joseph Puncer

10/08 David Begley

10/08 Francisco Rodriguez

10/12 Edward Marmolejo

10/16 John Mihal

10/17 Anecito Damo

10/18 Charles Westbay

10/18 Eric Zarate

10/21 Jamie Garrido

10/21 Doug Trask

10/26 Michael Dhanens

10/27 Ordano Fernandez

10/29 Raul Natividad

Member of our Council (and ushers) will be available at each exit of the sanctuary at this weekend masses (October 16 and 17) to collect cash and check contributions that will be used to purchase coats for the annual Coats for Kids drive to be donated to Catholic Charities.

Brother Andy Schroot reported that there 13 people showed up on Saturday, September 18 to help with the Chapter's Roadside Cleanup along Allen Road. The event was successful although more members next cleanup would shorten the amount of time it takes to complete the task. Those interested to help p

Sunday, October 31 is our next Fifth Sunday Rosary to be lead by Brother Chris Eicher. The rosary will begin at 8:45 am after the 7:30 mass. Please contact Brother Chris at ceicher@bak.rr.com if you are interested in helping to recite the rosary. And all are welcome to attend and pray this important devotion to our Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Knights of Columbus will once again be collecting frozen turkeys and hams as well as non-perishable holiday foodstuffs. Cash and check donations are also welcome and appreciated. The money and food collected are provided to Catholic Charities to distribute to needy members of our community. Look for future newsletter, bulletin and flocknote announcements for ways in which you can help.

The Council is continually looking to collect clothing and hygiene items for St. Vincent DePaul. If you can donate anything, please bring items to our General Council meetings or contact Michael Dhanens at mdarchitect@sbcglobal.net. Your donation is GREATLY appreciated by the St. Vincent DePaul Center.



Message from our Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights:

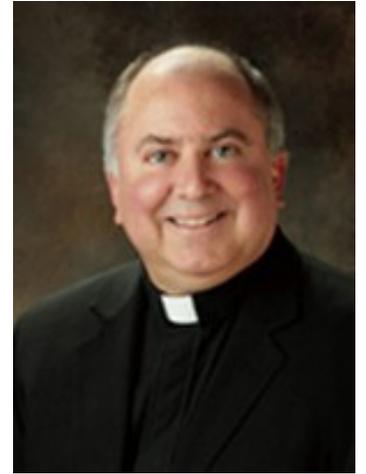
The Fall is one of my favorite times of the year. I enjoy the cooler weather and the rain (if and when it comes). The Fall also hosts a series of special days on the Church calendar. November 1 is All Saints Day—with its vigil celebration known as All Hallow's Eve or Halloween. While Halloween is a secular event, it finds its roots in the practice of early Christians who "welcomed" the dead back for a visit on the night before All Saints. Today, All Saints Day invites us to give thanks to God for those holy men and women who lived exemplary lives of faith and are so honored by the Church. They are the Church's "heroes" and they inspire us by their lives to keep moving forward on our journey towards the Kingdom of God.

All Souls Day follows on November 2. The Church remembers those who have died—those who may not have the title "saint" but who were known to us and loved by us. These are our family members and friends who have left this world. More specifically, it is a time for us to remember and to pray for the Souls in Purgatory—those who are destined for Heaven but may still need our prayers for the forgiveness of any sins. These holy souls prepare themselves to meet the Lord and are assisted by our prayers on their behalf. At St. Elizabeth Seton we honor them throughout the month of November.

Of course, Thanksgiving arrives on the 4th Thursday of the month. It is a unique day for our nation as it celebrates its pioneers—those who came to this country looking for freedom and, in spite of hardships, endured and helped lay the foundation of our nation. Thanksgiving is also an important day in the American Church and many parishes have Mass in thanksgiving for God's blessings upon our country.

Finally, Advent arrives—the period of preparation for the Feast of Christ's birth.

Enjoy this "transitional" month as it brings us cooler weather, perhaps a bit of rain, and the opportunity prepare for the coming festivities!



Msgr Perry Kavookjian

WGK Dennis Shaw Grand Knight Report



As the dog days of summer turn to cooler temperatures there are several opportunities to get involved to help our local community through volunteering with the Knights. Our parish of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is so blessed to have a generous parish who partner with the Knights to provide coats for local children, food for families in need during the holidays, and help young families start Advent off with a fun family activity. Here are some of the upcoming opportunities that you can help with to make a difference.

Coats4Kids is led by Brother Chris Ziemer. We started collecting money after each Mass the weekend of October 9-10, and we will be doing it again next weekend October 16-17. If you want to help, please check in with the lead usher before your Mass to see if you can hold the basket at the door as people leave. Please wear your Knights of Columbus name badge and a warm smile.

The Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Drives will be led by Brother Craig Carter. The Thanksgiving collections will be the weekend of November 20-21, 2021. The Christmas collections will be the weekend of December 18-19, 2021. We will need lots of help before and after each Mass to collect turkeys, hams, and can goods. We have been asked to sort these items this year which will add to the workload, so more hands would be appreciated. All food and money collected will

On Saturday, November 20, we also have the Advent Wreath Making for families with young children. This will be led by Brother Michael Dhanens. If you are more of a hand on, creative person, this might be a good fit for you.

Please take time to prayerfully reflect on where you can give some of your time to help in one or more of these great programs sponsored by our council. We will send Flocknote reminders for the food collections and Advent Wreath Making programs. We will include contact information for the Brother's leading those programs if you need further information. Let's all find a way to get more involved during these next few months to give back for all the wonderful blessings we have been given. Until next month, take care and God Bless...

Brent Banducci's Member Profile

I was born in 1966 and raised in Bakersfield to a father who was primarily a cotton and hay farmer that also had a summer roadside corn and melon stand. In October he had a pumpkin patch in the Old River area. My mom took care of things at home and worked the seasonal stand and patch. I am the oldest of seven children: 5 boys and 2 girls. Six of the siblings are still living in Bakersfield and one sister is now in Northern Idaho with her retired husband. All my family grew up attending St. Francis Parish and we received all our sacraments there as well.

We lived at what was then the edge of town, about a mile south of the Valley Plaza Mall, and I attended school at Seibert Elementary, Thompson Jr. High and Garces Memorial High School. In the spring of my senior year at Garces, I started working at Longs Drugs. I attended Bakersfield College with the intention of pursuing an Ag Business degree. Once there I joined the Newman Catholic Fellowship club and started helping with high school confirmation at St. Francis Church. In the spring of that year, I started dating a cute, nice girl from the Newman Club named Traci. As the next couple of years went by, the members of the Newman Club became great life-long friends. I enjoyed teaching so much that I changed my career plans and attended Cal State Bakersfield to major in Liberal Studies to become an elementary school teacher. In 1991, I married the girl I met and fell in love with at the BC Newman club, which is also where my parents met.

Traci and I got married after I finished college and had been teaching for a year. We just celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary in April. I have been teaching for the past 31 years in the Panama Buena Vista Union School District in grades Fifth, Third, Kindergarten and currently Transitional Kindergarten. We have three children. Our oldest son has been teaching High school for the past five years and is working on becoming a school psychologist. Our middle son is farming with my brothers, and our youngest, a daughter is attending BC. I enjoy time with family and friends, working in the yard and doing projects around the house, and helping where I can.

I was first introduced to Knights of Columbus about 20 years ago when a cousin of mine told me about it and said I should join. He would continue to ask me about becoming a Knight when he would see me. I wasn't ready to be a Knight quite yet. My family started attending masses at "St. Frontier" as the new SEAS parish was nicknamed. At the end of a mass one Sunday there was an announcement that our new parish was in the process of starting a new Knights of Columbus council and I decided to join and become a charter member. After a few years, I became part of the Officer team as the Warden. Since then, I have held other positions in our council such as Advocate, Chancellor, Deputy Grand Knight and Membership Director and currently I am the 1st Year Trustee. Some day in the future when I retire, I plan on doing more for the council and parish.



MEMBER PROFILE: Richard Ramos, CFP



I was born in 1974 in Lake View Terrace California and raised by a single mother throughout the San Fernando Valley – moving to accommodate work and housing was the norm. I have three siblings with a younger brother, though my oldest sister passed away at the age of 50 from cancer (2015). I and my siblings are first-generation Americans born from Mexican heritage.

I graduated from Kennedy High in Granada Hills and immediately took a detour through a few jobs and hobbies, including owning a restaurant, before going to college.

I finally did finish college with a Bachelor of Science in business with an emphasis in financial planning from Liberty University. Yes, Liberty University is a staunch Baptist college. I purposefully sought a deep bible-based school (though the experience wasn't what I expected – a topic for another day).

I have also obtained the Certified Financial Planner designation along with a few licenses to deal with securities and insurance investments.

My profession as a financial advisor started in 2008 with New York Life, then to Morgan Stanley, followed to Merrill Lynch and finally in 2016, was led to Valley Strong Credit Union. My niche clients are those nearing or transitioning into retirement.

I am fluent in Spanish which has been a blessing with assisting the Hispanic community with financial planning.

Regrettably, I never served in the military, but one of my five children is in his fifth year with the Navy and has three more to go – he is open to reenlistment.

I am joyfully married to Fany, a first-grade schoolteacher at Casa Loma elementary. Fany converted from Mormonism, and we were married at St. Cyril of Jerusalem Catholic Church in Encino Ca. by Monsignor Bell.

My journey towards God started in my early twenties where I explored many protestant viewpoints and other non-Christian beliefs and philosophies. My search came to an end when I was engaged and had an internal pull to marry in the Catholic Church (my beloved grandmother's influence and prayers came to light). I enrolled in RCIA to be confirmed, allowing us to marry in the Church. My experience in RCIA with the help of a close Catholic uncle set me on fire for the Roman Catholic Church.

My hobby is my profession, for I truly enjoy it and growing in it – I enjoy being a guide for my clients through their retirement excursion. But I also enjoy outings with the family to the coast – especially Ensenada. I recently started martial arts classes to accompany my 16-year-old son and that is also a great time together.

I am still much in love with God and have a fascination with the Eastern traditions of the Catholic faith.

My friend of many years Jim Patten recruited me into the Knights, so I joined our council in June 2012 back when St Elizabeth Ann Seton was gathering at Frontier High.