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## Pray for a Family Member's Soul that Could Be in Purgatory

By Frank Consulo, Grand Knight

Every year, I try to attend all Souls Day Mass to pray for family members who may be in Purgatory and need help getting into heaven. This year, I will attend mass at Calvary Cemetery & Funeral Center (7100 Verner Ave, Citrus Heights, CA) and offer my prayers there. I've had a priest tell me more than once that people in Purgatory are begging us for our prayers.

My dad was a great father in many ways, but he could be the devil when his drinking took control of him. Now I think of my father as a soul being held in purgatory. As I reflected upon his life, I realized that with age and time, he grew into a kind man who helped people. He also helped animals, mostly cats. He would feed them in parks and try his best to find good homes for them. He got me a cat once, and I saw no mice or rats for the nineteen years that followed. The Sacramento Bee once wrote an article about my father. I asked myself: did the good that he did outweigh the bad from his early years?

On All Souls Day, we not only remember the dead, but we also make an extra effort to attend mass, participate in prayer, almsgiving, and fasting, and to offer prayers for the release of the Holy Souls in Purgatory. There are two **plenary** indulgences (a *Catholic spiritual pardon that removes all temporal punishment for sins that have already been forgiven*). The word "**plenary**" means "**full**") attached to All Souls Day. One for visiting a church and another for visiting a cemetery. The plenary indulgence for visiting the cemetery can be obtained every day from November 1-8, and as a partial indulgence on any day of the year.

Praying for the dead is a Christian obligation. The church's teaching on purgatory describes for us the importance of the need for such prayers. The Church dedicates the month of November to prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Participation in the Mass of All Souls Day is a good way to begin this holy endeavor.

What is Purgatory Like? Who goes there? When do you get out? During November, the month of holy Souls, is the opportune time to seek answers to these questions. After all, Purgatory is where most of us will hopefully wind up. Since only those who have lived very holy lives will go straight to Heaven at time of death. As a popular Priest once said, "we all want Heaven, but plan on a long Purgatory." As I read more deeply on the subjects of death, Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory, I realized that it can be frightening, so a bit of humor is always a good companion.

### November Calendar

We have a new way for you to keep up with all our Council events!

<https://kofc4970.com/calendar>

Click on the link above to access the latest, up-to-date, Council calendar.

God has created a process for good but less than perfect souls to undergo a few repairs before entering His presence. The church gives the name "Purgatory" to this final purification of the soul. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of scripture, speaks of a "cleansing fire".



I've increased my understanding of these concepts by spending some time reading the Old Testament, 2 Macc 12:44-45, where Judas Maccabeus (Maccabees) prays for dead soldiers. The New Testament has many insightful quotes on the subject of Purgatory, one of which appears in Mt 5:26:

"Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny." Mt 12:32 "Whoever says a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven. Whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, within this age or in the age to come."



## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST VOTED THE BEST IN CARMICHAEL

St. John's Parish and School were honored as the best church/house and private school, respectively, in Carmichael. Congratulations to our Council for all we have done to help make the parish the BEST

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## Brother Rich Romo Serves as Chair of the St. Ignatius Parish Council

*By Joe Romanazzi, PGK*



Our Council Brother Rich Romo is serving as the chairperson for the St. Ignatius of Loyola Pastoral Council for the next two years. Diocesan guidelines mandate that each parish should have a Pastoral Council to advise and consult with the pastor and parish staff on ministry and pastoral issues. Brother Rich became a Knight in 2018 and has been an important member of our Council ever since. Congratulations, Rich. We know that you will continue to serve your parish and this council with distinction.

In addition to Brother Rich, many of our Council Knights and Lady Knights volunteer their time every day to serve in one or many positions in our three parishes, St. Ignatius of Loyola, Our Lady of the Assumption, and St. John the Evangelist. These include as ushers, greeters, altar servers, sacristans, commentators, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, choir members, offertory collection counters, religious education instructors, in adoration and homebound ministries, and of course, the St. Vincent de Paul Society. One of our Brothers even helps with BINGO for Seniors in his parish. **As Knights, we know we are doing God's will by serving our church and its people.** If you haven't volunteered for a ministry yet, try it, you'll like it.

## Wow, was that Really Brother Knight Peter Kilkenny? Yes, it was!!

PGK Peter Kilkenny made a cameo appearance in tux at the ID Drive at OLA on Saturday evening, October 12, 2024, on his way to the Chesterton Academy Gala fundraiser. Maybe it is possible after all to take a Dixon-born and raised lad out of the country and move him to the BIG CITY.



## Ladies Luncheon

*By Jean Gobbo*

The ladies luncheon for October was very well attended, with 13 ladies in all. Our luncheon was held at Sellands Cafe on Broadway, and the food and staff were great. Thanks, Maryanne, for suggesting it!

Due to the holidays, we will not have a November or December luncheon, but will meet on January 17 at the Cheesecake Factory in Arden Fair (that is, if it's still open at that time!) To all, a very Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Peace to all! See you in January!

Questions? You can call Glenda at 916-524-8933 or myself, Jean Gobbo at 916-261-8674.

## PRAYER LIST

Please remember these intentions in your prayers:

**All children lost to abortion  
All unborn children and their mothers**

**All Caregivers of the sick  
Deceased of Council 4970**

**Rick Di Regolo (dec)**

**Georgia Royal (dec)**

**Carolyn "Susie" Fonteyn (dec)**

**Anthony Praxel (dec)**

**Kenneth Scribner (dec)**

**Danielle Corcoran (dec)**

**Ben Dougherty (dec)**

**Fr. Art Wehr, SJ (dec)**

**John Heiman (dec)**

**Gerald Marenich (dec)**

**David Schwartz (dec)**

**Joe Kievernagel (dec)**

**The Wehr Family**

**Pope Francis**

**Fred Garrison**

**Bob Akers**

**Joan Cotton**

**Norma Niekamp**

**Shannon Langer**

**Michael Langer**

**Gwenn Wilson**

**Parishioners of SI, SJE, and**

**OLA Parishes**

**To report illness or death  
contact the Grand Knight**

## 2024 Annual ID Drive Recap: Charity Extends to the Love of God and to the Love of Our Neighbor

By Joe Romanazzi, PGK and ID Drive Chairman



**SI**



**OLA**



**EMIGH ACE HARDWARE**



**SJE**

Our 2024 Council 4970 ID Drive fundraiser for Camp ReCreation was off to a flying start in October. Our volunteer helpers, along with 5,400 individually wrapped Tootsie Rolls, donation cans, aprons and posters were ready to go. As usual, all that was needed were caring and generous donors and God provided hundreds of friendly supporters interested in helping to send individuals with developmental disabilities to Camp ReCreation at Eagle Lake. Besides the residential summer camp which offers participants opportunities for fun, social interaction and spiritual growth, the Camp ReCreation organization sponsors other events throughout the year in the greater Sacramento area.

Our annual ID Drive, (*aka our Tootsie Roll Drive*), was a spectacular success again this year with thousands of dollars in donations received. Donation records were broken at all three parishes. The table below shows our Council results for 2024:

**St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish (SI): \$2,751.55**

**Our Lady of the Assumption Parish (OLA): \$2,303.20**

**St. John the Evangelist Parish (SJE): \$2,000.21**

**Emigh Ace Hardware: \$1,326.44**

**Mail-ins received from Brother Knights, Lady Knights and Others: \$7,340.00**

**TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED: \$15,721.40**

Conducting an annual council ID Drive the size of ours requires many helpers offering the Lord their best time, talent, and treasure. I want to thank my wife, Lady Knight Liz, for her overall assistance and significant clerical support. A BIG thank you goes to PGK Peter Mendenhall, a member of Council 15693, for arranging to have 16 students from Mrs. Burke's 8<sup>th</sup> grade class (plus a few 7<sup>th</sup> graders) at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary School to work alongside our Brother Knights at Emigh Ace Hardware. Over \$1,326 was collected from patrons visiting the store. In addition to the students from Presentation School, we deployed another of our Council's secret ID Drive weapons—the children of some of our members. These included: Tim Spinelli's three sons Lucas, Robbie and Andy; Andrew Cunha's children, Juliette, Rosalie and Russell, and Mike Fazio's daughters Gabriella and Giuliana. Tell me, how many warm-hearted donors do you think can resist contributing to cute kids holding donation cans and handing out free *Tootsies* while wearing ID Drive aprons that almost reach to the floor? Thank you, kids, for helping the Knights collect lots of money for a great cause.

Many thanks to our Council 4970 volunteers: Brothers Bill Davis, Ken Macdonald, Peter Kilkenny, Will Friesen, Michael Langer, Dale Stradford, Bill Simpson, Frank Consulo, Mike Fazio, Aaron Stroh, Andrew Cunha, Steve Hall, Shawn Herrick, Steve Millner, Mike Dougherty, Bobbie Bello, Rich Romo, Allen Leech, Josh Figueroa, Mike Corcoran, Gene Gobbo, Tim Spinelli, Don Harmata, Bill Swars, Len Zerilli, Father Amar Nagothu, MSFS and Lady Knight Shannon Langer. I would be remiss if I didn't recognize and thank our Treasurer Steve Millner who made numerous trips to the bank to make our donation deposits; and our Web Master Brother Kevin Hall who posted our ID Drive events and photos on our website. I also want to acknowledge the numerous Brother Knights, Lady Knights, clergy, parishioners from SJE, OLA, SI, the many friends of Council 4970 and of Camp ReCreation, and finally the management, staff and customers from Emigh Ace Hardware. Thank you all for supporting our ID Drives and contributing money to send a whole bunch of happy campers with special needs to Camp ReCreation next summer.

My Brothers, the Lord takes pleasure in the success of our Council activities. He calls on us to show compassion, kindness, humility and love to others. He wants our good deeds and the gifts he has generously given to us to be used to glorify our Heavenly Father. As Knights we answer His call because we know that Jesus Christ is the light of our lives and our salvation. The **Bible** in **1 Corinthians 1:9** tells us God is faithful, and by him we were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. St. Thomas Aquinas in his treatise on charity explains how charity is really a state of friendship between man and God. May we always live for His glory and for our neighbor's good and give heed to the words of St. Francis de Sales, "To love our neighbor in charity is to love God in man."

***Some of our volunteer helpers collecting donations in our three parishes and Emigh Hardware are pictured above:***

***St. Ignatius of Loyola: (L-R) Brothers Aaron Stroh, Bill Davis, Joe Romanazzi, Peter Kilkenny, Rich Romo and Allen Leech.***

***Our Lady of the Assumption: (L-R) Brothers Peter Kilkenny, Michael Langer, Bill Simpson, Mike Dougherty, Bill Davis, Shawn Herrick and Joe Romanazzi.***

***Emigh Hardware: (L-R) Brothers Steve Hall, Mike Dougherty and a PBVM Student.***

***St. John the Evangelist: (L-R) Brothers Ken Macdonald, Don Harmata, Tim Spinelli, Bill Davis, Gene Gobbo, Mike Corcoran, Joe Romanazzi and future Knight, Robbie Spinelli.***

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***It's on the Web!  
You don't need to wait for the  
Paladin to get your updates on  
Council 4970 activities. Our  
website, [www.kofc4970.com](http://www.kofc4970.com) is now  
regularly updated with the latest  
information. Hope you visit often!***

**MORE PHOTOS FROM OUR 2024 ID DRIVE**



*"Tootsie Brothers" at OLA*



*"Tootsie" Command Center at SI*



*"Tootsie Brothers" at SJE*



*"Tootsie Brothers" at EH*



*SI "Tootsie" Volunteers*



*SJE Bro. Fr. Amar*



*PBVM Student "Tootsie Helpers" at EH*

**OUR HEARTS ARE OPEN TO THE LOVE OF GOD**

## **JOE'S CAFÉ...Stop by for a tasty bit!**

By Joe Romanazzi, Past Grand Knight

### **The Train of Life**



The Café's blue-plate special being served all month long is a beautiful poem written by the late French novelist, philosopher and journalist Jean d'Ormesson. He was the author of more than forty books, including novels and plays. D'Ormesson died in 2017 at the age of 92.

The poem is titled *The Train of Life* and it goes like this:

*At birth, we boarded the train of life and met our parents, and we believed that they would always travel by our side. However, at some station, our parents would step down from the train, leaving us on life's journey alone.*

*As time goes by, some significant people will board the train: siblings, other children, friends, and even the love of our life.*

*Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we won't realize that they vacated their seats! This train ride has been a mixture of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells.*

*A successful journey consists of having a good relationship with all passengers, requiring that we give the best of ourselves. The mystery that prevails is that we do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. Thus, we must try to travel along the track of life in the best possible way -- loving, forgiving, giving, and sharing.*

*When the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty -- we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who continue to travel on the train of life.*

My Brothers, the Lord tells us that we must love others freely, with dignity, tenderness and goodness. When we are gracious to all we meet traveling on the train of life, we offer them a glimpse of what life in Heaven will be like. In our Heavenly abode, God promises us only light, love and joy. There will be no darkness, hate, and sorrow. We need to take the time every day to thank God for the precious gift of life He has given us. He purchased it and *punched* the ticket for our earthly trek by sacrificing His own life. I wish everyone a joyful journey full of beautiful memories and a safe arrival at our final destination--Heaven.