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All Souls to be free to go to Heaven

By Frank Consulo, Grand Knight



All Souls Day, Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos)

What are you doing to honor your dead loved ones this year? I will visit my father's grave to do a Rosary at Calvary Cemetery. This Rosary will be for other family members resting there, too.

What is the purpose of All Souls Day? All Souls Day, celebrated on November 2, is set aside in the Roman Catholic Church to pray for the souls in purgatory. Eastern Catholics celebrate five (5) All Souls Saturdays, which occur before and during Lent, and on the Saturday before Pentecost. The Church teaches that purgatory is a temporary state of purification for those who have died in God's grace but still carry the effects of venial sins (forgiven and unforgiven) and forgiven mortal sins. The faithful on earth are called to offer prayers, sacrifices, and Masses to help these souls attain the beatific vision—eternal life with God in heaven. This day emphasizes the doctrine that many of the souls of the faithful departed need our prayers as they complete their purification.

Is All Souls Day for the Dead? Yes, All Souls Day is dedicated entirely to the souls of the faithful departed. It is a day when Catholics believe that the Church Militant (the faithful on earth) can assist the Church Suffering (souls in purgatory) through prayer, sacrifices, and offering Masses on their behalf. It is a day to remember our deceased loved ones, pray for their repose, and reflect on our mortality. Those prayers can also include asking for the intercession of the Church Triumphant (the saints in heaven).

What Other Biblical Support Is There for Celebrating All Souls Day? While the Bible does not explicitly mention "All Souls Day," the practice of praying for the dead has other biblical roots. In 2 Maccabees 12:46, Judas Maccabeus prays for the fallen soldiers who had died with sin. This passage is one of the key scriptural bases for the doctrine that the souls of the dead benefit from our prayers. In addition, in 2 Timothy 1:16-18, Paul prays for the soul of Onesiphorus, which also affirms that the dead can profit from our prayerful intercessions. Thus, the Church encourages this commemoration as a practice consistent with biblical faith.

What Is the Day of the Dead Celebrated for? The Day of the Dead, or Día de los Muertos, is a Mexican celebration deeply connected to All Souls Day. It is a day to honor and remember deceased loved ones, combining pre-Columbian traditions with Roman Catholic practices. Families decorate the graves of the deceased, create ofrendas (altars), and celebrate with food and music, symbolizing the belief that the dead remain spiritually united with the community.

What Is the Purpose of Ofrendas in Día de los Muertos? The ofrendas, or altars, created during Día de los Muertos are a central part of the celebration. They serve to honor the deceased and symbolize our prayers for their purification, knowing that we remain intimately united to them in the Mystical Body of Christ. These altars typically include photos of the deceased, skulls, candles, marigold flowers, and items that the departed loved during their lives. While it's rooted in Mexican tradition, the celebration still reflects the Catholic practice of praying for the dead.

How do you celebrate All Souls' Day for your loved ones?

Why Are There Two Days Celebrating the Day of the Dead? In Mexican tradition, the Day of the Dead is celebrated over two days—November 1 (coinciding with All Saints Day) and November 2 (All Souls Day). November 1 is typically for remembering baptized children and infants who have died, known as Día de los Inocentes, while November 2 is reserved for honoring adults. (The former is distinguished from Día de los Santos Inocentes [Feast of the Holy Innocents], which the Church commemorates universally on December 28.)

How Do Catholics Celebrate All Souls Day? Catholics celebrate All Souls Day through various practices, including participating in Mass, lighting candles in prayer, visiting cemeteries to decorate the graves of loved ones, and offering prayers for the dead. Many Catholics pray the All Souls Day prayer, which expresses the hope that the souls in purgatory will soon be freed from purgatory and welcomed into heaven.

All Souls Day Prayer

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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Officer contact information: <https://kofc4970.com/officers>

Council's Event Calendar: <https://kofc4970.com/calendar>

2025 Annual ID Drive Recap

Joe Romanazzi, Past Grand Knight and ID Drive Council Chairman

We Are Called to Embody the Eucharist in Word and Action for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

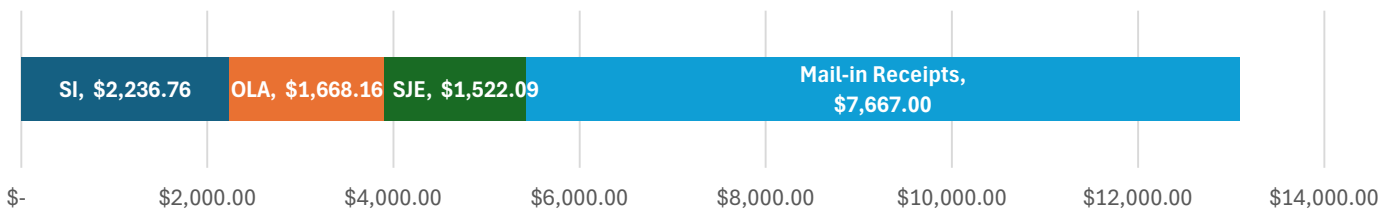
Our 2025 Council 4970 ID Drive fundraiser for Camp ReCreation was off to a flying start in October. Our volunteer helpers, along with 5,400 individually wrapped Tootsie Rolls, donation cans, aprons and posters were ready to go.

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 BIG success again this year with thousands of dollars in donations received. The graph below shows our Council results for 2025 to date from each parish and donations received directly.

2025 Annual ID Drive - Council 4970

as of 10/27/2025 \$13,094.01



Moment of Gratitude

Conducting an annual council ID Drive the size of ours requires many helpers offering the Lord their best time and talent and treasure.

I want to thank my wife, Lady Knight Liz, for her overall assistance and significant clerical support. Many thanks to our Council 4970 volunteers, Brothers Bill Davis, Ken Macdonald, Peter Kilkenny, Michael Langer, Bill Simpson, Frank Consulo, Mike Fazio, Mike Dougherty, Bobbie Bello, Rich Romo, Allen Leech, Jeff Holmes, Bill Befort, Bill Stanton, Gene Gobbo, Mike Corcoran and Tim Spinelli. Future Knights Lucas, Robbie and Andy Spinelli joined in the fun. Thank you, guys, for helping the Knights collect lots of money for a great cause.

I want to recognize and thank our Treasurer Steve Millner who made numerous trips to the bank to make our donation deposits; our award-winning *Paladin* newsletter Brothers for publishing my ID Drive stories and our Web Master Brother Kevin Hall and his team for posting 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. 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 members of our council find joy in knowing, loving, and serving the Lord. The **Bible** in **Hebrews 6:10** tells us *God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him by your service, past and present to his holy people.* In the words of St. Francis de Sales, *“The perfection of charity is the perfection of life; for the life of our soul is charity.”* When we help those in need who are less fortunate than ourselves, we improve their lives and allow God’s light to shine in us and on those around us, showing forth the glory of God. May the Lord strengthen special need campers by our assistance and make them strong through our support and concern.

Photo Ops: capturing those “Kodak moments” of some of our volunteers collecting donations in our three parishes.



St Ignatius of Loyala Parish (SI)
 (left to right) Brothers Joe Romanazzi, Allen Leech, Rich Romo and Frank Consulo



Our Lady of the Assumption
 (left to right) Brothers Joe Romanazzi, Michael Langer, Frank Consulo, Bill Stanton, Bill Davis, and Gene Gobbo



St. John the Evangelist
 (left to right) Brothers Ken Macdonald, Frank Consulo, Gene Gobbo, Joe Romanazzi, Bill Stanton and Fr. Colin Wen



“Tootsie” Command Center - SI



“Tootsie” Command Center & “Tootsie Brothers” - OLA



“Tootsie” Command Center - SJE



“Tootsie Brothers” - SI



“Tootsie Brothers” – OLA (side door)



“Tootsie Brothers” - SJE



“Tootsie” Volunteers - SI



“Tootsie Brothers” - SJE

OUR HEARTS ARE OPEN TO THE LOVE OF GOD

Faith

By Brother Aaron Stroh

Brothers and Sisters, “Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). Our ancestors in faith “did not receive what had been promised but saw it and greeted it from afar and acknowledged themselves to be strangers and aliens on earth” (Hebrews 11:13). On our pilgrimage, we are simply passing through. When we received the second outpouring of the Holy Spirit during Confirmation, we renounced the vanities of this passing world to seek a much better home with the best company. This company includes God Himself, Who is our Divine Family.

How is He our Divine Family? He brought us into this Family when we received Baptism. He is the Trinity, the never-ending exchange of self-giving love. The Angels and Saints are also members of this Family, as we recall and celebrate every first day of November. On the following day, we also pray for our Church family in Purgatory, which we recall with a Mass on All Souls’ Day. The Church also recommends the Prayer of Saint Gertrude from the thirteenth century. Her prayer is as follows:

“Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home, and within my family. Amen.”

One could omit the word, “today”, from this prayer to gather all the Masses from every period of the Church. The souls in Purgatory suffer more than one could ever suffer on earth. They depend on our prayers and sacrifices. Several Saints visited Purgatory, including St. Catherine of Genoa, Italy, and St. Faustina from Poland. They have confirmed that Purgatory is the final purification and healing for us, whom God is not finished working on. Each one of us is God’s masterpiece in Jesus. We are Jesus’ Body on earth, and those in Purgatory are also such members.

How do we get to know someone whom we cannot see? We share love through concrete action with those whom we can see. The Church teaches us that we show this concrete action through the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy and the Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy. As for faith, we need physical signs to show us the presence of someone invisible. The appearance of bread is our physical sign for Jesus’ Real Presence in the Eucharist, hidden but truly and literally present. We cannot completely understand our Faith until after we have passed away physically, to behold forever the One who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, face to face.

Ultimately, we do not sustain our faith, hope, and love. We cooperate with God each day, but God ensures that the work He has begun in us is work that He brings to fulfillment. We need only to say “Yes” to God one day at a time. He sustains us and gives us all that we need to serve others. When we serve others, we serve Him. Love of neighbor is not separated from love of God. Faith, Hope, and Love are choices, not feelings. However, God might give us consolation, but He wants us to seek Him, not His consolations. Pray, hope, and do not worry.

Upcoming Events & Prayer Intentions

Mo

Monday, 6:00 PM (weekly)
Adoration with Legion of Mary

Mo

Monday, 7:00 PM (weekly)
Maxodus 365 (SJE & Zoom)

Tu

Tuesday (1st & 3rd), 7:00 PM
Rosary (Zoom)

Tu

Tuesday (2nd), 6:30 PM
Council 4970 Business Meeting & Dinner

Tu

Tuesday (4th), 7:00 PM
Council 4970 Planning Meeting

We

Wednesday (1st), 6:30 PM
Bible Study (SI)

Sa

Saturday 9:30 AM (weekly)
Legion of Mary

15

11/15 10:00 AM
KofC Widows Mass & Luncheon
(SJE)

20

11/20 1:00 PM
Lady Knight Luncheon (Cheesecake
Factory)

30

11/30 7:00 AM
Pancake Breakfast (SJE)

PRAYER LIST

Please remember these intentions

All children lost to abortion
All unborn children and their mothers

For the sick and their Caregivers,
especially:

The Wehr Family

Fred Garrison

Bob Akers

Joan Cotton

Shannon & Michael Langer

Gwenn Wilson

Fr. Tom Bland

For Council 4970's deceased:

Pope Francis

Lee Akers

Danielle Corcoran

Judy Davis

Rick Di Regolo

Ben Dougherty

Carolyn "Susie" Fonteyn

John Heiman

Joe Kievernagel

Gerald Marenich

John O'Donnell

Anthony Praxel

Georgia Royal

David Schwartz

Kenneth Scribner

Sid Tarango III

Fr. Art Wehr, SJ

Pope Leo XIV

and

Parishioners of OLA, SI, and SJE Parishes

Upcoming Mass Intentions

John O'Donnell (@SJE 8:30 AM Fri, Oct 17)

Sid Tarango III (@SJE 8:30 AM Thu, Oct 23)

Funeral Services held for Brother Isidro “Sid” D. Tarango III

By Joe Romanazzi, Past Grand Knight

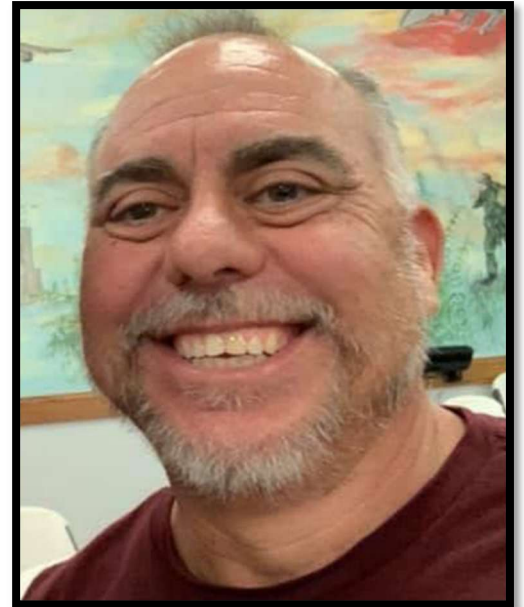
Brother Isidro “Sid” D. Tarango III March 28, 1968 – September 7, 2025

A Funeral Mass was celebrated for Brother Isidro “Sid” D. Tarango III on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at St. John the Evangelist (SJE) Church in Carmichael. Former Pastor and Brother Knight Father Bernardin Mugabo celebrated the Mass. Numerous Knights and Lady Knights from Council 4970, members of the SJE’s St. Vincent de Paul Society, along with many family members and friends attended the services.

A Council Resolution of Condolence honoring Brother Sid and a Rosary blessed by the Supreme Chaplain were presented to Sid’s parents by Brothers Ken Macdonald and Joe Romanazzi.

A Marine Corp Honor Guard team presented the flag of our country to the family and played Taps.

May the angels lead Brother Sid into Paradise and may he rest in eternal peace. Amen.



(left) Brother Sid Tarango III’s remains surrounded by flowers, the Paschal Candle and a framed photo during his Funeral Mass.



(right) Fr. Bernfardin blessing the urn containing Brother Sid’s remains.

Ladies Luncheon

By Jean Gobbo

Our Ladies October Luncheon at the Buckhorn BBQ and Grill (next door to Safeway near Fair Oaks and Howe Ave) meal was enjoyed by all 11 of us in attendance!

November will take us to the Cheesecake Factory at 1771 Arden Way (in the Arden Fair Mall parking lot). As usual, our start time will be 1 p.m. on Thursday, November 20th. It has been an all-attendee favorite in the past.



Glenda will be in contact to remind everyone. If you do not hear from Glenda, show up anyway, we would love to see you!



If you have any questions, please call Lady Knight Glenda Macdonald at 916-524-8933 or Jean Gobbo, at 916-261-8674. We hope to see you there! All are welcome! Guests are always welcome. Let's have another great turnout!

Ladies Night Out

By Joe Romanazzi, Past Grand Knight

Our Ladies Night Out at the Back Forty Texas BBQ in Roseville was attended and enjoyed by 17 Brother and Lady Knights on Tuesday, September 30.

The next event is currently scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at Chili's in Fair Oaks (corner of Madison & Sunrise).



JOE'S CAFÉ...Stop by for a tasty bit!

By Joe Romanazzi, Past Grand Knight

Offer it Up to the Poor Souls in Purgatory



Catholic doctrine and tradition tell us that when our earthly life ends, Hell, Heaven or Purgatory await us. Hell will be for those who have rejected God, Heaven for those who die as saints, and Purgatory for everybody else. This article will focus on Purgatory. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us about the purpose of Purgatory and the importance of praying for the dead. Purgatory is a place of temporary punishment after death, for sinners who have damaged their union with God. The Bible says that “Nothing unclean will enter Heaven” (Revelation 21:27), and Purgatory is how “Just men are made perfect” (Hebrews 12:23). All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified because of the stains of sin, are assured of their eternal salvation. However, after death they must undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the eternal joy of Heaven.

Numerous saints were known to be great friends of the poor souls in Purgatory and spoke about the suffering and pain experienced by them. Among these: St. John Chrysostom, St. Nicholas of Tolentino, St. Gertrude the Great, St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Catherine of Genoa, St. Paul of the Cross, St. Padre Pio, St. Philip Neri, St. John Vianney, St. John Macías, St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope St. John Paul II, St. James the Apostle, St. Joseph, and most importantly, Our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Our Blessed Mother, Rev. Fr. Francis Xavier Shouppe S.J. in his book *Purgatory Explained* wrote about Purgatory from the revelations of the saints and mystics. “Our Lady herself goes to Purgatory to release souls on Saturdays and her feast days, especially on the feast of her Assumption and on Christmas Day.”

St. Faustina Kowalska, “What causes pain to the souls in purgatory? A suffering for the souls is that they did not love God properly while they lived; they hurt God and wasted many opportunities to love God. Their delay in going to heaven is a source of great pain. The souls in purgatory have a great hunger for God, greater than we can imagine.”

St. Paul of the Cross, “If, during life, we have been kind to the suffering souls in purgatory, God will see that help be not denied us after death.”

St. John Vianney, “If it were but known how great is the power of the good souls in Purgatory with the Heart of God, and if we knew all the graces we can obtain through their intercession, they would not be so much forgotten. We must, therefore, pray much for them, that they may pray much for us.”

My Brothers, the month of November is dedicated to the faithful departed in Purgatory, but we are encouraged by the Church to pray for them every day. Among the many ways we can help the suffering poor souls are by having Masses celebrated for them, offering up our Holy Communions, and praying the Rosary. Other ways include almsgiving, visiting the Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic Adoration to make acts of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on behalf of those in Purgatory and by offering up our good works for them. Our prayers for the poor souls in Purgatory have great power according to the words of St James the Apostle, "He who saves a soul saves his own and satisfies for a multitude of sins". The words of Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen are also worth remembering, "As we enter Heaven, we will see them, so many of them, coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say 'a poor soul you prayed for in purgatory'".

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Whether you are a regular Paladin contributor or an event coordinator and want to get the word out in advance or celebrate the conclusion of the event, please submit your articles and pictures to kofccouncil4970@gmail.com with "Paladin Article" in the Subject. For events provide details of when and where and photos include captions (if you wish).

The article cut-off is the end of 4th Wednesday of the month, day after the Planning Meeting.

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