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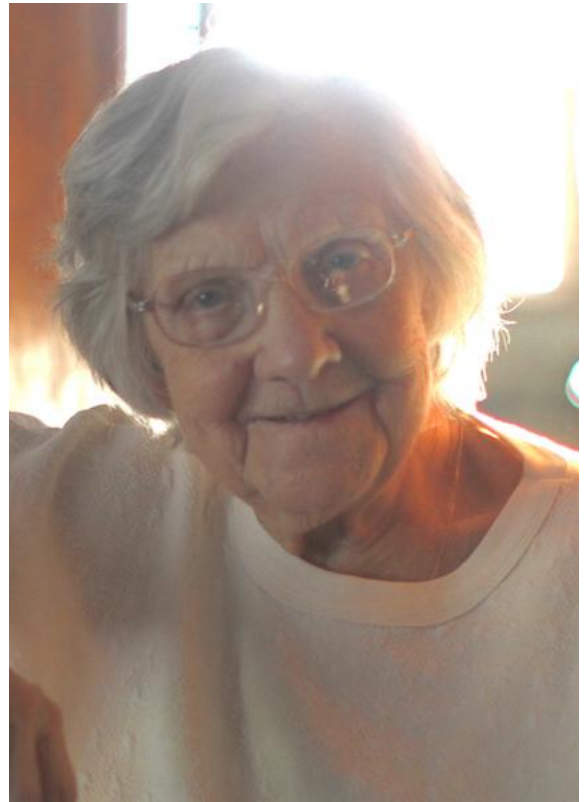
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## Grand Knight Report

Friends, the Franciscans who brought Christianity to the Philippines taught that Jesus appeared to Mary before anyone else. John of Caulibus, in his Meditations on the Life of Christ in the 14th century, imagined Jesus and his mother falling to their knees when they met:

“Then they arose with tears of joy, she embraced him, pressed her face to his, and held on tightly, falling into his arms as he eagerly supported her. Later, when they were sitting down together, lovingly and carefully she looked him all over: at his face, and at the wounds in his hands, and throughout his entire body.... His mother rejoiced, ‘Blessed be your Father, who returned you to me!’ ... So they conversed at some length, rejoicing and observing the Paschal Feast in a delightful and loving way.” -[Archbishop José H. Gomez](#)



## In Memoriam

### Rose Therese Lata

Rose Lata was the wife of PGK Louis Lata who passed away February 15, 2016. Rose joined Louis in heaven on March 18, 2017. She was 98 years old. Together again, they can now teach the Angels how to Polka!

Vivat Jesus, Pat Bellue, Grand Knight

# ***General Meeting***

***Tuesday  
May 8, 2017  
At 7:30 PM***

***Arrive early to enjoy the fellowship of  
your Brother Knights!***

## **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfast**

**July 30, 2017**

**Immediately following the**

**7:00 am Mass**

**Enjoy a wonderful breakfast and  
good fellowship**

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**April 30, 2017**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfast**

**Cancelled**

**Due to a conflict with the  
Catholic Daughter High Tea**

**Attend the Boy Scout  
Pancake Breakfast  
instead, on April 30, 2017  
in the auditorium!!!**

# **Beer Report**

**Recommendations by  
Nick "The Beer Man" Lister**

## **Tap 79 IPA**

Burro Brewery, Los Angeles, CA

Nice floral nose with aromas of garlic and pine. Clear golden color with a white head. Great balance, with a rich mélange of flavors. Sweet malt and flora, grassy, herbal hop character. Creamy mouthfeel and a long lingering finish, 6.5% ABV

**Only available at Trader Joes**

## **Monkey Fist Ipa**

Shipyards Brewing, Portland, Maine

Light fruity nose with aromas of green tea, bubblegum and fruit. Bright copper color, zesty and effervescent, with a juicy hop character and a tart dry finish. 6.7 ABV

**Available at Bevmo and Vendome**

## **May Birthday List**

Ron Gentile	1st
Tony Vacca	3rd
Jose Ballin	5th
Javier Ramon	12th
Erwin Stratman	14th
Tim Sermak-Prouix	15th
Alessandro Vilani	20th
Matt Johnston	22nd
Roger Jenrich	29 <sup>th</sup>

## **May Anniversary Dates**

None

**April 11, 2017 - General Meeting**

## **“For the Good of the Order”**

### **50/50 Winners**

Carl Hasse \$30 and Jim Wehri \$25

### **Attendance Prize**

The attendance prize was won by Tom Owenson who was not present so he will not receive the prize of \$35.00. Next month the prize will increase to \$40.00. It pays to attend the meetings and pay your dues!

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## **Troop 315 Report**

By Herb Lambengco

The Boy Scouts are selling tickets to their annual Pancake Breakfast to be held in the auditorium on April 30, 2017. They are raising money for their 2018 trip to Yellowstone National Park. They are currently preparing for a June 2017 river rafting trip down the Sacramento River.

## **Fish Fry Report**

Brother Knights, our annual Lenten Fish Fry is behind us and again it was a great success. We netted several hundred dollars more than last year. On the second Friday, we served more than 300 meals. As usual, we met the challenge! So to all of those who helped, please take a moment and pat yourself on the back!!! A big thanks goes to the Catholic Daughters for providing wonderful desserts. A shout out goes to the Youth Group, for their wonderful clam chowder. The Boy Scouts provided a wonderful service by serving all those meals. Thank you Boy Scouts! Thank you to the following who are not Council 4438 members: Peter Herkey cleanup crew, Ian Maki Bartender, Tony Palesano cook, Regis Coyle prep work, Scoutmaster Dan Kellgreen, Asst. Scoutmaster Bev Naudet, Erin Kadera kitchen and Giovanna Dottore ticket sales and signage.

Finally a BIG THANK YOU to **Troy Lopez**, our Fish Fry Chairman. Without his hard work there would be no Fish Fry.

## **First Degree Exemplifications**

The Knights voted to conduct First Degree Exemplifications every other month at 6:30 PM before our 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, General Meeting. The next exemplification will take place on March 14, 2017 and continue to be held on odd numbered months.

### **Do you want to advance to 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree?**

If you are a 1<sup>st</sup> degree or 2<sup>nd</sup> Knight and would like to advance to the next degree, check the following web sites for upcoming ceremonies. Go to the section entitled “Ceremonials”

[KofC-socalchapter.org](http://KofC-socalchapter.org)

[KofC-sgvchapter.org](http://KofC-sgvchapter.org)

**Every third Wednesday of the month there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree held at Council 3851 in Covina. Check in time is 7:00 PM and the start time is 8:00 PM.**

The Pilot has an incomplete list of anniversary dates. Knights, please email Mike Noyes at [miken07@aol.com](mailto:miken07@aol.com) the date you got married and your wife's name. Thank you!

## **BINGO**

Calling all Knights! Monday Night Bingo needs more volunteers. Working one shift once a month would be a great service to our biggest fund raising event. Please help out! Thank you!

# ***In Memoriam***

## ***Brother Mario S. Valdez***

***July 19, 1956 – March 21, 2017***

***Mario made his made his 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> degrees all on the same day, August 1, 1981. He passed away while in the Philippines.***

## ***Boy Scouts***

Boy Scout Troop 315 is sponsored by our Lourdes Columbian Society. They meet in a classroom at the Parish Hall every Monday night at 7:00 PM. If you know of a boy between the ages 10 and 18 that is interested in scouting, please contact Scout Master Dan Kellgreen at 818 521-1137.

## ***IRS Jokes***

Submitted by Bert Brescher

It would be nice if we could pay our taxes with a smile, but normally cash is required.

How do you know you've got a good tax accountant? He has a loophole named after him!

Two accountants are in a bank when robbers burst in. While several of the robbers take the money from the tellers, other robbers line the customers, including the accountants, up against the wall and proceed to take their wallets, watches, etc. While this is going on the first accountant jams something into the hand of the second accountant. Without looking the second accountant say, "What is this?". To which the first accountant replied, "It's the \$50 I owe you!"

What is the difference between a tax auditor and a Rottweiler? A Rottweiler eventually lets go!



**Javier Ramon**

Brother Javier Ramon is part of the work crew who have built the beautiful new bell tower and paving by the stained glass outdoor window of Our Lady of Lourdes. On the day of this picture, Javier and Armando in the background were sanding and smoothing the concrete tower. Javier has given the church many hours of his time towards this project! Javier is a shining example of Brother Knight in service to the Church!



Brother Henoc Garcia Sanchez entertaining our guests at the Fish Fry with his beautiful singing and guitar playing!

## PAST GRAND KNIGHTS

Jean Bourque*	'57-'58
Francis Comerford*	'58-'59
Charles Landreau	'59-'60
Jack Nelson	'60-'61
Carlos Vaca*	'61-'62
Emil Walcek	'62-'63
Alphonse Dekat*	'63-'64
Phil Rousseau*	'64-'65
Chester Guzouski	'65-'66
Claude Leonard*	'66-'67
George Love	'67-'68
Rudolph Kne	'68-'69
Floyd Miller	'69-'70
James Chapman	'70-'71
Ervin Stratman*	'71-'72
Mondell Metz*	'72-'73
Phil Rousseau*	'73-'74
Joel Dapp*	'74-'75
John Mullins	'75-'76
Joseph Tappero*	'76-'77
James Kelleher*	'77-'78
Chester Sharp*	'78-'79
Carlos Vaca*	'79-'80
Mondell Metz *	'80-'81
Raymond Hroscikoski*	'81-'82
Carl Haase	'82-'83
Wayne Thompson*	'83-'84
Arnold Gasca	'84-'85
Frank Valadez	'85-'86
Thomas Owenson	'86-'87
Paul Rutan	'87-'88
Mike Livingston	'88-'89
Carl DeSilveira	'89-'90
Walter Dragaloski	'90-'91
Russ Kadera	'91-'92
Louis Lata*	'92-'93
Douglas Kadera	'93-'94
James Mitten	'94-'95
Roy Holmstrom*	'95-'96
Fred Neill*	'96-'97
Jack Hodges	'97-'98
Wayne Thompson*	'98-'99
Russ Kadera	'99-'00
Russ Kadera	'00-'01
Mike Sabo	'01-'02
Carl deSilveira	'02-'03
Bob Birney	'03-'04
Carl Haase	'04-'05
Bob Birney	'05-'06
Bob Birney	'06-'07
Joe Battaglia	'07-'08
Jack Hodges	'08-'09
Sean McGlynn	'09-'10
Pat Bellue	'10-'11
Pat Bellue	'11-'12
Mike Noyes	'12-'13
Mike Noyes	'13-'14
Bert Brescher	'14-'15
Bert Brescher	'15-'16

Pat Bellue.....'16-'17

\* = *deceased* If anyone knows of the passing of any one of our Past Grand Knights on the above list, please let the editor know so that we can note it on our Past Grand Knights list.

## Council #4438

### Officers 2015-16

GRAND KNIGHT.....	PAT BELLUE
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT.....	CHUCK NAUDET
FINANCIAL SECRETARY .....	JACK HODGES
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INSIDE GUARD .....	NICK LISTER
OUTSIDE GUARD .....	JAVIER RAMON
TRUSTEE .....	CARL DeSILVEIRA 1 YEAR
TRUSTEE .....	FRANCISCO VALADEZ 2 YEAR
TRUSTEE .....	ROBERT BIRNEY 3 YEAR
LECTURER.....	TONY PISCITELLI
LECTOR .....	ROGER JENRICH

## Lourdes Columbian Society

### Officers

President: -----	Robert Birney
Vice President: -----	Carl DeSilveira
Treasurer: -----	Roger Jenrich
Secretary: -----	Jack Hodges

## Council Information

### Council Officers Meeting

1st Tuesday of each Month at 7:00 p.m.

### General Membership Meeting

2nd Tuesday of each Month at 7:30 p.m.

### Lourdes Columbian Society Meeting

To be announced

**District Deputy** Willie De Castro (818) 620-9331

**Insurance Agent** Bob Olivas (714) 974-1980

**Pilot Editor** – Mike Noyes

**Bingo Manager** – John Patriarca

**Asst. Bingo Manager** – Troy Lopez

## ***Insurance Check-Up for 2017***

Where did 2016 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Thanksgiving was last week.

I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2016. Now, the first quarter of 2017 has flown by.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

Bob Olivas



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## **The Life and Times of Steve Gaon**

"Take me out to the ball game, take me out to the crowd", makes most of us think about the Dodgers, but to Steve Gaon these words refer to the essence of life itself! Steve loves all sports, but he especially loves baseball. He is a sports junkie! Going to group therapy means going to a game! Let's take a trip around the bases and learn more about his life!

Steve was born in Inglewood during the third race at Hollywood Park at the same time the Lakers were playing in the Forum. The cheers from both greeted him into the world. No wonder he has a "sports complex!" He was baptized in a hurry at a drinking fountain in Dodger Stadium. His parents and the priest delayed till the side was out. Steve, at two months old, didn't want to miss the last at bat of the inning. His early years in Inglewood were short lived. Hollywood Park closed down, the Lakers moved to Staples, so his family moved to Glendale to be closer to Chavez Ravine.

Steve has a younger sister and two older half sisters as well. His Dad, David was an attorney and his Mom Joyce was a teacher. Growing up in

Glendale was great fun! He met his best friend, Jeff, in kindergarten, only to discover he lived four houses away. Steve made lifelong friends with a group of boys in second grade. Steve was so busy playing whiffleball and going to Dodger games, he never stopped to step on the toes or pull the pigtales of the new girl in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, who had moved to Glendale from Missouri. That was a good move on Steve's part. Readers be patient. There is more about this girl in a little bit!

From elementary school through high school, Steve's days were spent playing hoops on Jeff's driveway well into the evening. He and Jeff made a third group of lifelong friends in junior high. Steve spent lots of time outdoors, and was signaled in by his Mom's yell from their front door of, "Come home!" Jeff's family had season tickets six rows back from the visitor's dugout in Dodger Stadium. Sweet!!! When they weren't playing hoop, Steve could be found not far from first base or in the bleachers at the Ravine.

Steve played Little League all the way through Babe Ruth. His position was second base. His Little League team was not that successful. His luck turned when he moved up to Babe Ruth. Steve's team won three league titles in a row. They were coached by Jeff's father and brother, both of whom played minor league baseball. The highlight of Steve's football career was getting pounded every week as a Scout team tailback on an undefeated (11 – 0) Glendale High School squad.

Over the years Steve caught a number of foul balls at Dodger Stadium. The highlight though was the day Steve ditched school to go to a playoff game, Dodgers against the Expos for the pennant. The year was 1981 and it was game one. Steve was in the bleachers with his friends. It was the eighth inning, Pedro Guerrero had just hit a home run. Mike Scioscia was next up and knocked a home run into the left field bleachers. Steve made some adjustments, anticipated its bounce, and snagged it

before his friends could catch it. The catch was captured by the LA times and printed in the next day's edition. Steve still has the ball. Let's move on to Game 5 of the 1981 World Series. Jerry Reuss pitched a complete game as the Dodgers took a 3 – 2 lead over the Yankees. Steve was there! Steve stormed the field!! It was a fan frenzy!!!!

Off to college. Steve wanted to get away from California and attended University of Colorado at Boulder. A great school, but he soon learned it was also a great party school as well. His freshman year he lived in the dorm and rushed the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He lived in the Frat house his sophomore and junior years. All that I, your author, could glean is what happens in a frat stays in the frat! During his senior year Steve and some frat brothers lived in an apartment. Students from all over the country come to Boulder. It is a fun college town and has skiing nearby. He worked as the head of the sports officials at the University's Intramural Athletic Program for football and basketball. Steve was a serious student and majored in history. Steve survived the frat and graduated in four years.

Still avoiding California, Steve went off to Law School at Gonzaga University in Washington State. After a year, it was time to get closer to home and transferred to the University of San Diego. San Diego was nice, but he was too busy getting through law school to enjoy the town. After passing the bar, Steve opened up his own practice here in the LA area specializing in Worker Compensation defense. This meant he represented the employers. Unlike sports, worker's comp law is not played on an even playing field. The rules are skewed to favor the employees and often the employees exaggerate their injuries, kind of like World Cup Soccer players. Steve's heroes were Garvey, Russell, Lopes, Cey and Baker, tough guys who played when injured. After ten

years Steve had had enough. He took down his shingle and went back to his roots, sports, and his best friend from kindergarten.

Jeff and his father and brother had started a business called "Big League Dreams." They build and manage sports complexes that have baseball fields built as replicas of major league parks. People of all ages play slow pitch soft ball to baseball at their parks. Each of their eleven complexes has a restaurant and bar. Steve hired on and works out of their corporate headquarters in Diamond Bar. He assists in the areas of human resources, workers comp and in operations. Happy to be where he belongs, Steve loves working in a sports related environment!

Speaking of love, what about that girl in second grade??? Her name was Sue. Steve and Sue were friends, but not more, all through elementary, junior high and high school. Then during law school, Steve was back in Glendale visiting his Mom. He was driving his Mom to dinner at a restaurant when they stopped at a red light. He looked out the window and there was Sue in the car next to him. They greeted each other and had a nice chat. Steve told her he was going out to dinner with his Mom and invited Sue over to his house after he returned with his Mom from the restaurant. How would you the reader like to be waiting in a car behind those two for that lengthy conversation! Steve was either a fast talker or the traffic lights in Glendale stay red a long time. Either way it was a successful conversation! The lovely Sue came over and she and Steve stayed up to 3:00 am talking. By the time she went home Steve was a goner. She was the girl of his dreams. Where had she been all those years? Well, about a mile away. And she was in all his classes from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade through high school. I guess Steve had been blinded by his love of the Dodgers!

They immediately began dating and three years later they married. When Steve asked Sue's Dad

for her hand in marriage, his answer was "welcome to this crazy family!" Steve waited till after a Midnight Mass to propose to Sue. He thought that would make a "yes" answer a little more safe. Sue must have thought, this is a crazy time to propose, but she still said yes! At first they rented Steve's Mom house to save up to buy a house. Once they had a down payment, they purchased their current home in Sunland. Steve and Sue have two sons, Bret and Matthew.

Steve and his friends enjoy a sports enhanced three day weekend at a different city each year. Friday night they take in a major league baseball game and on Saturday they attend a college football game. They refer to it as a Fall Festival and there is no drinking allowed. Well, to be honest, let's leave it at that, they call it a Fall Festival. Steve also loves National Parks and he, his father and the boys visit one each year. They have been all over the United States, including Acadia in Maine and Denali in Alaska. The family enjoys taking trips together as well. One of their favorites was a trip to a Civil War Island, Fort Jefferson-Dry Tortuga National Park, off the coast of Florida.

Sue and Steve had been attending St. Bedes Church before they moved to Sunland. This is where Steve had received his 1<sup>st</sup> communion and had been confirmed. Also Steve and Sue got married at St. Bedes. They continued attending St. Bedes until it was time to choose an elementary school. A friend raved about the OLL School. The Gaon's met with Mrs. Jones and loved our school. They then also began attending OLL church as well. Steve joined the Knights of Columbus after being encouraged to do so by Brother Joe Battaglia. Steve has worked the Knight's Monday night bingo on a monthly basis. Steve enjoys volunteering at the Fish Fry. Steve is a real sport, and Steve and Sue are a wonderful addition to our church and school community!