

Our Lady of the Pillar Council #7534

# Knights of Columbus

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#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Please keep the following in your prayers

Mike Siegenthaler, Mike Durso, Thomas Pederson,
Tim Lippert, Tom Joines, Jim Wylie
Souls of Bob Tognetti, Tim Sullivan
and recently deceased Knight
Jack Donnellan obituary on page 5
To add intentions email us

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Our Annual FREE
Christmas Dinner is on
December 10th.
We will gather with
parish volunteers in
New Hall at 6pm!
Bring family and friends
who might join. Please
RSVP by calling Brian
650-799-0011 or email at
HMBKnights@aol.com

If you can help cook/set up in morning let us know



#### **November Dates**

Tuesday 8th Officer Meeting only zoom
Tuesday 15th General Meet 7PM
In Person Old Hall or Zoom
NEED A VOLUNTEER COOK, CALL 799-0011

Password 1234

To join meeting go here: <a href="https://zoom.us/j">https://zoom.us/j</a>
Meeting ID: 978 845 038

Thursday 24th:

Thanksgiving Day Have fun Everybody!

Every Pumpkin
Festival produces so
many candidates to be
Knight of Month. This
year especially had so
very many helpers but
who can deny a
Knight like Victor who
brought his sweet
daughter Abigail to
help us!

Have a great month everyone!

### Knight of the Month



VICTOR HERNANDEZ





**PHOTOS FROM 2022 PUMPKIN FEST** 

ABOVE IS JUST A SMALL PORTION OF THE 550 POUNDS OF CHOKES WE COOKED (ALSO 12 CASES EACH OF SPROUTS AND BEANS) WILMER LAWRENCE IS ON LEFT COOKING SPROUTS AND THE THREE GENTS ARE JOSE ACOSTA, JOSE VILLALOBOS, BOB PINTO! MORE PICTURES ON NEXT PAGE

#### GK CORNER BY PAUL REIDL

In my GK Corner have written about the importance of service, and a few Sundays ago the theme of Father Corral's homily was service. And so, it was heartwarming to see so many brothers (by my rough count – about 25), their families and their friends serving the Council and the parish during Pumpkin Festival week. I had not seen some of these folks since before the lockdown.

What was especially heartwarming was the way that everything came together seamlessly. Everyone pitched-in and did what was needed. The camaraderie was great. There was laughter and constant conversation. It was as if the pandemic had never occurred.

And on Sunday, the kitchen crew asked if we were planning on having a Christmas dinner. We are. The Knights are back! (And we do need volunteers....)

So, I would ask all of the Brothers to say a prayer of thanks. Our Council made it through the pandemic and can still work together as a team to serve the parish and the community. Over the next year, we need to build in the success of the Pumpkin Festival and redouble our efforts to serve. After all, that is what the Knights are all about.

Vivat Jesus GK Paul







#### John Gerard Donnellan

SEPTEMBER 23, 1937 - SEPTEMBER 27, 2022



Brother HMB Council Knight, John Gerard Donnellan (Born September 23, 1937) was a thoughtful, outgoing, kind Irishman who went by many names: "Pan Am Jack," "Grandpa," "Jack," "Sponsor," "Union Rep" and "Uncle Jackie." However, the descriptions of him remained constant: Dependable, Funny, Helpful, Intelligent, Frugal, Storyteller, Insightful, Trustworthy and Generous. For most of the first 39 years of his life he was often many of those things, but he was also drunk. Then he went to an AA meeting. This began a lifetime of service: speaking at meetings, teaching DUI diversion classes and sponsoring others who asked for help. This was his passion, his calling. He went every day to a meeting because he loved the community and the people who were brave enough to share their soul with strangers. Even towards the end of his life, almost too weak to stand, he would gather the strength to get up at the end of meetings, hold hands with others and recite "Keep coming back, it works, if you work it."

He was a husband to both Ruth Beverly and Dorthy Curtain who preceded him in death. A loving step-father to Katie and Judi Beverly. A doting grandpa to Jennifer, Jerry, Erica and Dexter and great grandpa to Tinton, Landon and Maverick. He admired the immense intellect of his two brothers: Kevin and Thomas who also preceded him in death. He adored Thomas's daughters Patricia and Jennifer. He marveled at the success of his only sister, Anne, whom he loved deeply and her only son, John, who he would often be forced to agree was his favorite nephew in the world.

Jack grew up Catholic in Jamaica Queens, New York, the son of two Irish immigrants: Bart and Mary. He joined the Marines at 20 and learned to be a mechanic. He moved to San Francisco in the late sixties to work for Pan Am airlines and spent over 30 years fixing airplanes. He was a passionate union leader at the airport and spent years organizing and speaking to other union members. He loved representing the members of his union. After he retired from the airlines, he started his own business (Vision-a-new) which helped the elderly and those losing their sight, the ability to read again.

He loved so many things: ice Cream, San Francisco sports teams, a great deal on a phone, a free parking space, going to mass, nachos, his grandchildren, following his stocks, watching Chris Mathews and giving speeches at any and all gatherings of people. Jack's steady, loving presence made you feel safer in the world. He was a man at the end who was happy and content with his life. "I have very little regrets." On September 27th, 2022, four days after his 85th birthday, Jack passed away quietly, peacefully and with great dignity. Jack was a good man and loving patriarch to his family who will be missed by all those who knew him.