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the Pillar
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Pray For Good of the Order

Steve Frahm, Frank and Pat Navin, Rich Drendell, Mike Durso, Don Tainter, Maddox Jensen, Noah Eplein, Tom Joines, Jim Wylie, Soul of Bert Silva, Victims of HMB Shooting and their families

Knight of the Month

Dave is a former dentist who joined us during COVID lockdown, but we're not counting these things against him. In all honesty Dave is the kind of person you want to join the Knights. He is dedicated to assisting



the council, volunteers for everything, is a genuinely nice person and we enjoy his company. Dave, we hope the Council finds 10 more people like you in the coming year. Thanks! We look forward to spending more time working with you in the future.

DAVID KOESTER

St Patrick's Day Dinner

Cancelled for lack of sales, back hopefully next

Important Dates



**Saturday 17th
St Patrick's Day
Tuesday 20th 7pm
Monthly Meeting Old Hall**

GK Corner by Paul Reidl

Brothers,

Cancelling the St. Patrick's Day dinner was a sad day, but it underscores a deep problem.

Our membership roster is large, but only a few of the Officers attend the Council meetings. Finding volunteers for our fundraising and faith in action activities is becoming increasingly difficult. Part of this is because, with a few exceptions, we are a group of old guys many of whom would like to pass the torch to a younger generation, but we cannot interest younger guys in joining because we are perceived only as old guys who wear distinctive blue jackets to Mass. Part of it is also because as our Parish skews increasingly younger Hispanic, we are not perceived as a group that provides value to that community. We need to fix that perception because it is wrong.

The Officers have had several lengthy discussions about this and are developing a recruitment plan. We invite all brothers to send us any suggestions on the subject, and if you know of a potential member, recruit them! We raise a lot of money for the

parish and do many good things for the OLP community, but without new members and volunteers our ability to do this in the future will be severely compromised and eventually vanish. That would be tragic.

So let's pray for the Good of the Order; Lord, please give us some insights into how to pass our Council on to the next generation of leadership and volunteers.

Vivat Jesus, GK Paul



Photos from St Pats Past, let us pray for a successful return in 2024!



IS NOT HERE
FOR HE IS
RISEN

MATTHEW 28:6

REQUEST FROM FATHER JOSE TO THE KNIGHTS

Father Jose has asked for 10 Knights to serve as "Apostles" at the 7:00 pm Mass on Holy Thursday, April 6. I know that some of you have done this, but for those of you who have not, here is what it entails.

Father wants to reenact Jesus washing the feet of the apostles. OLP has a robe and rope belt for each of the apostles. You need to wear sandals. At the beginning of the Mass, the 12 are part of the processional and then sit in the front row. At the appropriate time, they come forward as a group, sit in a row in front of the altar, and Father washes their feet. Then you return to your seats in front for the remainder of the Mass, and join the recessional when Mass has ended. It is a fun bit of pageantry and it beats watching Thursday night re-runs on the tube. And, of course, it is "faith in action" service to the parish.

So please let me know if you can volunteer. I would like to get back to Father Jose by the end of the week so that he knows if needs to recruit from somewhere else. Email me at reidl@sbcglobal.net Thanks GK Paul

Humberto 'Bert' Silva

Over several decades, if you attended a community fundraising dinner in Half Moon Bay and heard continuous hearty laughter coming from one table, there was a very good chance that Bert Silva was at that table. Bert's good-natured humor was among his many attributes and he could laugh at himself as heartily as could others.

As of Dec. 19, 2022, that laughter would sadly be heard no more.

Humberto 'Bert' Silva arrived in Half Moon Bay in 1961 from the Azores (Faial Island) with \$40 in his jeans. With hard work and a bit of luck, including marrying Caroline Mello, who also had a sense of humor and strong work ethic, the Silvas became proud parents of Nadine and Jason and were able to build a successful farming business that lasted through 2013, at which time they retired to Patterson, Calif., to be near Caroline's relatives.

Bert never forgot where he came from and was generous with funding and leadership of the Portuguese I.D.E.S., St. Anthony's, Our Lady of Fatima, TV Azores and Portuguese Culture Center organizations. He also was active with the San Mateo County Farm Bureau and was the founder of the annual golf fundraiser that continues to significantly support the Bureau's operations. Bert also served on city committees and on the Fire Protection District board of directors. One of his proudest moments was when he was chosen as the Farmer of the Year, and one of his proudest achievements was when he single-handedly organized a naturalization program that created 109 new American citizens on the Coastside.

Bert had a great loving fondness for Jason and Nadine and enjoyed spoiling his grandchildren Dayna, Dylan, and Delaney, all of whom would be pleased if you would join them to celebrate Bert's life at 1 p.m. on March 18, 2023, at Our Lady of the Pillar Catholic Church. A reception with the family will follow at the I.D.E.S. Hall where we can share the many good memories of the many good times we had with Bert.

