



## Men's Club Newsletter

September 2018 Edition

### Next Meeting

*What: "Spouse's Dinner"*

**Who: Speaker: David Lincer**

**When: Tues, September 4, 2018**

arrive 6:30 PM, dinner 7:00 PM

**Where: Dominican Sister's House,**  
Dominican Center, 43148 Mission Blvd, Fremont

**Why: Fellowship**

*How Much: \$30.00 Each*

**MEAL SELECTION:** Pot roast, chicken Monterey, white fish, plus dessert, coffee, tea, etc. Wine provided by Men's Club.

### President's Message:

As you know over the past few years, our membership is flat or a bit down. In order for the club to continue and prosper, we need to be more successful recruiting new members. In my experience, *success breeds success*. In other words, if we want to attract more members, we need to be viewed as *exciting, vibrant, cool, & spiritual*; so that others will be compelled to seek out membership to our exclusive club. I ask you; ***What do you personally gain by being a part of the Men's Club?*** Now, with your own personal experience in mind; ***How can you wear this proudly on your sleeve when you attend Mass?*** I compel you to make a personal commitment to do the following:

1. *Wear your Blue Men's Club Shirt to every Mass for the rest of 2018*
2. *Talk to at least 1 person at each Mass about the Club and why you personally choose to be a Member*
3. *Invite & host at least 1 person to attend at least 1 of the meetings or events yet this year*

Remember, membership in our club is personal and exclusive. Make sure others know why you think it is one of the best parts of your St. Joseph's Catholic Community experiences.

### Member Meeting:



At the General Meeting of the Men's Club, Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018; Pete DeLisi delivered a presentation, on "Revitalizing the Men's Club." If the membership felt that it would be necessary to do something? If it would be desired? What the next steps should be? Many people expressed an interest in continuing to pursue this further.

At the Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, Steve Macias reviewed the plan. The issues were clarified as follows, with input from Committee members:

- Lack of New Men's Club Members
- Limited Men's Club Participation: *Fewer members willing to lead and fewer with physical skill sets.*
- Men' Club "Brand" as a "Service" club is over-emphasized. *Club is too narrowly focused.*
- Poor Parish-wide engagement: *Poor interaction among Parish groups.*
- Lack of Galvanizing Vision for the Parish: *This issue may be larger than what the SJMC can address.*

With the issues clarified, the Board agreed that further development of the Committee's plan is needed. We are planning to put together a sub-committee to work on this plan and we invite all members to participate. Please contact Steve Macias if you would like to be a part of this sub-committee or if you have any comments or suggestions. *Contact Steve Macias, [sgmacs@aol.com](mailto:sgmacs@aol.com), 510-330-7007.*

At the general meeting, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, a Men's Club Prayer was adopted and later approved by the Board to be the "Official Prayer of the Men's Club":

*O Mary, Virgin most powerful and Mother of mercy, Queen of Heaven and Refuge of sinners, we have consecrated this Men's Club to thy immaculate heart. Pray for us to God that we do His will. Guide us to make wise decisions that always keep in perfect harmony with your Son. Mother Mary, you are the eternal handmaid to the Father, may we submit to God's will in our lives as you did and are still doing. We pray in the name of your precious Son Jesus Christ  
Amen*

Upcoming Events:

**Feed the Homeless Wed Sept 12<sup>th</sup>:**

Twice a year the Men's Club helps one of our members (Stan Peters) with his personal ministry to feed the homeless. This ministry is also one of the groups the Men's club chooses to donate to each year with the proceeds from our annual Chuck Wagon BBQ. Our first event this year will be on Wednesday September 12th from 4:15 pm at the parking lot across from the Amtrak train station at ~3875 Peralta Blvd. If you are interested in helping, *contact George Perry (510) 657-3932.*

**Ministry Fair:**

On the weekend of September 15/16, the parish will be holding a Ministry Fair. It will consist of a series of tables in the church hall, before and after each Mass, for the ministries to display their materials and advertise their presence. ***All members should wear their Blue Men's Club Shirts to Mass that weekend.*** We also need men to arrive a little early and

stay after each Mass that you attend to staff our table and encourage men to join us. Let us pray to our Lord for a good harvest. If you can help, *Contact Dennis Dubro, (510) 673-7528, [dwdubro@comcast.net](mailto:dwdubro@comcast.net)*

**Niles Wine Train:**

The Club is organizing a group of people, September 29<sup>th</sup> to take The Niles Canyon Wine Train. The cost is \$50 per person and a ticket fee of \$5.50 for a total of \$55.50. Departs Sunol Depot 1:00pm and returns at 3 PM Kilcare Rd, Sunol CA 94586, 21 & over, please no children, pets, or personal food and beverages allowed. If you are interested in attending: *Contact Chris at: (510) 557-8000, [chrisjeremiah@gmail.com](mailto:chrisjeremiah@gmail.com)*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>January</u></b></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup>: Meeting, Canceled            9<sup>th</sup>: Crèche &amp; Tree Tear-Down            16<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>February</u></b></p> <p>6<sup>th</sup>: Meeting, Pete DeLisi - <i>"Between Retirement and the Next Career"</i>            16<sup>th</sup>: Soup &amp; Stations            20<sup>st</sup>: Board Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>March</u></b></p> <p>6<sup>th</sup>: Meeting, Mike Gaffey – Trip to Holy Land            20<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting            25<sup>th</sup>: Help w/ Palm Sunday Celebration            31<sup>st</sup>: Help w/ Easter Vigil Reception</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>April</u></b></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup>: Meeting, Gary Dorighi, Old Mission Talk &amp; Tour            8<sup>th</sup>: BBQ Publicity &amp; Ticket Sales            15<sup>th</sup>: Men’s Club 9:00am Mass &amp; Brunch + BBQ publicity &amp; Ticket Sales            17<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting            21<sup>st</sup>: Chuckwagon BBQ</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>May</u></b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup>: Meeting, Dr. Gari Browning, President of Ohlone, Upcoming Developments            2<sup>nd</sup>: Accelerated Reader’s Lunch            4<sup>th</sup>: Grade 4 Walk &amp; BBQ            15<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting            19<sup>th</sup>: Santacruzán Parade @ 10:00am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>June</u></b></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup>: High School Joe Faria Memorial Scholarship            5<sup>th</sup>: Meeting, BBQ at Harry’s Grill            8<sup>th</sup>: Middle School Scholarship            19<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>July</u></b></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup>: Meeting, <i>(Yes, the day before Independence Day), Steve Conn, Greece Vacation</i>            17<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting            19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>: Family Camping Trip</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>August</u></b></p> <p>Tue 7<sup>th</sup>: Meeting, <i>Pete DeLisi, Options for future of SJMC</i>            21<sup>st</sup>: Board Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>September</u></b></p> <p>4<sup>th</sup>: Meeting, Spouse’s Dinner @ Dominican’s, David Lincer of Rollin’ Along            12<sup>th</sup>: Feed the Homeless            15-16<sup>th</sup>: Ministry Fair            18<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting            29<sup>th</sup>: Niles Canyon Wine Train</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>October</u></b></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup>: Meeting-Retreat Prep            16<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting  <b>TBD</b>: Pancake or other Breakfast</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>November</u></b></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup>: BBQ Lunch for Olive Harvest            6<sup>th</sup>: Meeting, <i>John Bruska, Catholic Radio</i>            16-18<sup>th</sup>: Men’s Weekend Retreat            20<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting <i>(Yes, Thanksgiving week)</i>  <b>TBD</b>: BBQ or gifts for the Homeless</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>December</u></b></p> <p>4<sup>th</sup>: Meeting, Election + Retreat Discussion + Feedback for 2019            18<sup>th</sup>: Board Turnover Meeting  <b>TBD</b>: Crèche Set-up  <b>TBD</b>: Christmas Party  <b>TBD</b>: Christmas Tree &amp; Nativity Set-up</p>

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### **Men's Club New Members:**

The Men's Club of St. Joseph Catholic Church at Mission San Jose share common interests in three aspects of life within our parish community. These are Fellowship, Service, and Spirituality. Our club welcomes men of all ages, and our members range in age from the 20s to 80s. General Meetings are typically held on the 1st Tuesday of the month, starting at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We begin with Pizza & Beverages, followed by a speaker, and finishing with a brief discussion of upcoming items.

To join the Men's club:

1. Send your contact information to our Membership VP (name, address, email, & phone)
2. Write a check for \$40 to St. Joseph's Men's Club (\$20 for dues, \$20 for shirt *{specify size}*)
3. Confirm the date & location of the next meeting on the Parish website: <http://bit.ly/StJosMensClub>

Please join us at our next General Meeting. We look forward to meeting you!

### **St. Joseph's Men's Club Membership Application**

First Name	Street Address
Last Name	City
Spouse's Name	Zip Code
Email Address	Check # or Cash
Cell Phone	Shirt Size
Home Phone	Date
Work number	

