



Men's Club Newsletter

January 2019 Edition

Next Meeting

What: "General Meeting"

Who: Fremont Fire Department

When: Tues, January 8, 2018

Where: Bronco Billy's Pizza Parlor

41200 Blacow Rd. (corner of Blacow and Grimmer)

Why: Fellowship

How Much: Pizza provided by Men's club, No-host bar

President's Message:

Happy New Year to all our members. Not to make too light about serious matters, but like our national government, our Men's Club is going through a bit of a partial shutdown. We did not have someone come forward to run for President this year. The Board, ever passionate to keep this Club rolling, has established a policy of appointing an interim president to keep functions going for each of the quarters of 2019 – unless someone will volunteer to take on the full-fledged office. I volunteered to take the first quarter – so here is my ¼ President's Message.

Firstly, I want to express a lot of gratitude to all members who have contributed to our Club over the last years – firstly, to Gary Dorighi who volunteered three years ago to serve a second term as president. George Washington served two terms as U.S. president but declined to run a third time expressing his concern that two terms was enough for any president. With all we do in the Club as volunteers, I am of the opinion that one term is enough for any Club president. There are plenty of other opportunities to serve the Club and the Board without recycling oneself as president. But when there was a need, Gary stepped forward. Then last year, Steve Conn, a relatively recent member who had retired from for-profit work, stepped forward, doing the same, volunteering for a second term as president. I don't think this is a pattern we want to keep up.

We have not experienced a lot of new members in recent years, and those of us who keep getting out of bed in the morning, look in the mirror and feel the Men's Club needs to continue, are getting older and cannot keep up the same pace that we used to. And speaking of guys who get out of bed every morning and look in the mirror, let's give a moment of tribute to Fr Manny, who does that, and then puts on his collar for the parish.

In recognition of our Club's circumstances, at our annual retreat a year ago, we consecrated the Club to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, asking her to safeguard our Club and revitalize it. We dedicated a special Men's Club prayer to her. We have already seen fruits from that consecration. Several members expressed interest and volunteered to work on a steering committee, spearheaded by foundational president Pete Delisi, to look for ways to reinvent ourselves. A number of good ideas came of that, but the general focus was to integrate the Club more into parish activities and the other ministries – to break down some of the potential downsides of each ministry working alone, with many good intentions and activities, but missing the synergy of working more together.

Getting back to our own Club, one of the more intimidating burdens, as it were (although nothing is a real burden if you are passionate about it) for the President and/or the Vice president-at-large is the hosting of our annual Men's Club BBQ. Steve Conn has already volunteered to chair that event, since he has the notes and experience with several Board members of putting it on already. That frees up the job of the president to focus on club building. And since we are lauding those members who, like the Energizer Bunny, keep on keeping on, let me thank past president Skip Phair who has continued to recycle himself as our chief food purchasing agent

for the BBQ and other events. I have also seen at our Board meetings and the special steering committee a number of dedicated men, who even though they do not have the same vim and vigor of their past, are deeply committed to the ministry that the Men's Club performs in our church and are determined to move it forward. I can tell you, that whenever we have had an event to put on, we have always had the support of our members to pull it off. If any of you feel motivated to come forward to volunteer on the Board, and maybe be mentored and trained as a ¼ president this year, you will never be left without support.

Some of the other fruits of Mary's intercession are the members who came forward to serve on the steering committee. And we have one new member, who after taking some personal time since retiring, to focus on his new life of retirement, has come forward to serve on the Board as our Membership Chairman, Ashley Weerpass. Ashley has a number of ideas to try things we have never tried before – maybe to even streaming a Men's Club meeting on the Internet. The steering committee has also come up with some new events which we have never tried before. Ashley, and his team, will be calling many of you to ask what the Club does for you, why you joined the Club, and what you think of some of the new events we are planning.

And finally, getting down to brass tacks, please come to our first meeting of the year, displaced by New Years Day on our usual first Tuesday. We will meet this Tuesday, the second one of January, at Bronco Billy's Pizza Parlor, at the corner of Grimmer and Blacow, across from Irvington High School, at our usual time of 7 PM. Our guest speakers will be the Fremont Fire Department. I don't know if they will let us play with the siren, but most of us are too old for that anyway. It promises to be a great start for the new year, as we walk forward under Mary's patronage, to take this Club (for Trekkie fans) where it has never gone before.

Spiritual VP and 1st Quarter President
Dennis Dubro

Recent Events:

Christmas Party: We had another wonderful Christmas party at the home of Dave and Debbie Rossetto's home. There was plenty of delicious dishes (see below), and a fun time was had by all who attended. Thanks to Jerome Hubacek for the great photos: <https://stjosephmensclubchristmas.shutterfly.com/>



Many thanks to our gracious hosts, Debbie and Dave Rossetto.

Board Meeting (Tuesday, December 18, 2018):

1. Board of Directors was confirmed for 2019. Under the current circumstance of not having a President, the board has implemented a temporary policy of appointing an interim president to keep functions going for each of the quarters of 2019. Dennis Dubro has volunteered to act as President for the first 3 months of 2019. Thanks Dennis!
2. New events, plans, and the schedule were discussed for 2019. The schedule will be reviewed for final approval at the next Board meeting. See below for current schedule.
3. Work on revising General meeting and communication to energize existing members and to attract new members.
4. Create a summary of the actions of the men's club in 2018 and 2019 (6month plan) and create a communication plan for this document. Owner-TBD
5. Ashley to present Parish operational plan to General membership in February 2019
6. Ashley to create recruitment plan by Feb board meeting. Shoot for a recruitment drive in March/April 2019
7. Last month Stan Peters and Steve Radigan coordinated the refurbishment of a wheel chair belonging to a homeless woman. Replacement parts were identified, ordered, and installed. Great Job guys!

Upcoming Events:

Creche and Tree Tear-down:

Rescheduled to Friday, 1/18/2019 at 9:00 am. Contact Dennis Dubro to volunteer.

General Meeting:

Fremont Fire Department presentation at Bronco Billy's Pizza Parlor on 1/8/2019 at 7:00 pm.

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
<p>8th: Meeting, a week later & at Bronco Billy's Pizza, 41200 Grimmer at Blacow</p> <p>18th: <i>(new date)</i> Crèche+Tree Tear-Down @ 9am</p> <p>15th: Board Meeting</p>	<p>5th: Meeting,</p> <p>19th: Board Meeting</p> <p>TBD: Men's Club 9:00am Mass & Brunch + Membership Drive at each Mass</p> <p>TBD: Ski Trip</p>	<p>5th: Meeting,</p> <p>19th: Board Meeting</p> <p>TBD: Soup & Stations, choose one Fri 3/9-4/12</p>
<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
<p>2nd: Meeting,</p> <p>13-14th: BBQ Publicity & Ticket Sales</p> <p>14th: Help w/ Palm Sunday Celebration</p> <p>16th: Board Meeting</p> <p>20th: Help w/ Easter Vigil Reception</p> <p>20-21st: BBQ Publicity & Ticket Sales</p> <p>26th: Set-up 6-10 pm</p> <p>27st: Chuckwagon BBQ</p>	<p>7th: Meeting,</p> <p>21th: Board Meeting</p> <p>TBD: Accelerated Reader's Lunch</p> <p>TBD: Grade 4 Walk & BBQ</p> <p>TBD: Santacruzán Parade</p>	<p>2nd: Parish Breakfast</p> <p>4th: Meeting,</p> <p>18th: Board Meeting</p> <p>TBD: 6th Grade Scholarship</p> <p>TBD: 12th Grade Joe Faria Memorial Scholarship</p> <p>TBD: BBQ at Central Park for Homeless</p>
<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
<p>2nd: Meeting,</p> <p>16th: Board Meeting</p> <p>TBD: Parish Picnic</p> <p>TBD: Mission Fence Painting Service Project</p>	<p>6th: Meeting,</p> <p>20th: Board Meeting</p>	<p>3rd: Meeting, Spouse's Dinner @ Dominican's,</p> <p>17th: Board Meeting</p>
<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
<p>1st: Meeting, <i>Retreat Prep</i>,</p> <p>15th: Board Meeting</p> <p>TBD: Feed the Homeless</p>	<p>5th: Meeting,</p> <p>15-17th: Men's Weekend Retreat,</p> <p>19th: Board Meeting</p> <p>TBD: BBQ Lunch for Olive Harvest</p> <p>TBD: <i>(Fri 29th?)</i> Crèche Set-up</p>	<p>3rd: Meeting, <i>Election + Feedback for 2020 + Retreat Discussion</i></p> <p>17th: Board Turnover Meeting</p> <p>TBD: Christmas Party</p> <p>TBD: <i>(Mon 23rd?)</i> Tree+Nativity Set-up</p>

2019 Men's Club Board of Directors:

Office	Name	Email	Phone
President	<i>open</i>	NA	NA
VP at Large	<i>open</i>	NA	NA
Treasurer	Axel Brisken	abrisken@sbcglobal.net	(510) 623-1055
Secretary	Steve Macias	sgmacs@aol.com	(510) 330-7007
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VP Service 1	Gary Dorighi	gdorighi@comcast.net ;	(510) 378-6331
VP Service 2	Steve Radigan	radigan1@sbcglobal.net	(510) 770-1820
VP Spirituality	Dennis Dubro	dwdubro@comcast.net	(510) 673-7528
VP Membership	Ashley Weerpass	aweerpass@att.net	(510) 364-0034
VP Sunshine	Richard Lightholder	rlightholder@yahoo.com	(510) 205-6662
Sgt. at Arms	George Perry	NA	(510) 386-3775
Homeless Outreach	Stan Peters	oldteacher@comcast.net	(510) 468-8017
Past President	Steve Conn	sfconn@gmail.com	(510) 220-6710

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 50s 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