

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Charlie Legendre, St. Mike's board member, and Rich Kovatch enjoyed the sunny Plaza in beautiful Santa Fe

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- Peace in our hearts and in the world;
- Blessings on the Buttimer participants;
- The needs of our Superior and the General Council;
- Youth struggling with mental illness;
- Healing for Bernie LoCoco, Brian Dybowski, Joseph Pham, Brendan Madden, Pete Dudenheffer, Walter Durham, Sister Dorothy, and the fathers of Tom Southard and Andy Kuffner;
- Vocations to religious life;
- Needs of our young Brothers and Vocation Team.



While in Glacier Bay, Alaska, Tony Lenz photographed the Margerie Glacier

My travels and assorted news...

Summer is time for fun but it's also time to plan. In anticipation of the upcoming third District Chapter, I've appointed the following to the DC Preparatory Committee: **Chris Brady** (temporary chair), **Lawrence Haley**, **James Joost**, **David Caretti**, **Steven Vasoli**, and **Rafael Rodriguez**. They will meet later this month to decide on the schedule and format of the chapter. Thank you for voting. I feel those Brothers elected are a solid representation of the new District and the two legacy districts. To round out more representation of Brothers currently in school ministry, I appointed **Matthew Chiantella** as a delegate.

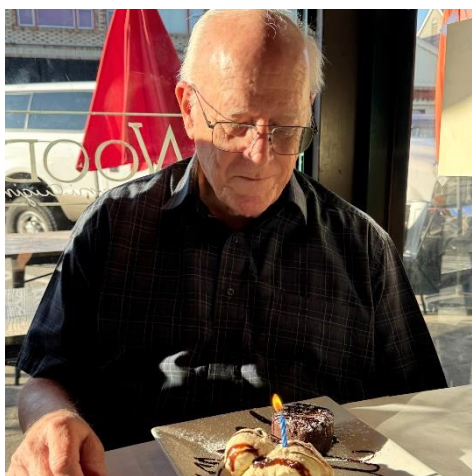
Hope that you had a restful July 4th holiday weekend. The two communities at MLS joined for a delicious BBQ. Before the gathering, we were treated to a patriotic mini-concert by **Ken Boesch** on the chapel organ. The Brothers appreciated the energy and volume! Volunteer Dale Barclay and his two daughters, Tracy and Jamie, joined the Brothers for the barbeque. After cleaning out the coop storage, he's set about building an outdoor cabinet for organized storage, a mobile chicken fence, and strong fencing around the coops for improved safety and general appearance.

"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me..." Galatians 6:14

At MLS, our gardens are providing a bounty of fresh produce for our kitchen. The dutiful **Peter deGroot** harvested his crop of beautiful potatoes and he gleaned juicy ripe plums from the tree in the garden. **Ricardo Palacio's** garden has provided a steady stream of fresh and organic carrots, varieties of squash, cilantro, potatoes, and various lettuce. Currently, his ample garlic crop is on drying racks. Over the holiday, I volunteered to help pick ripe zucchini and pull weeds to use as chicken feed. Our content chicken flock is averaging 50-60 eggs per day.

On Sunday, I drove into San Francisco to join **Matthew Chiantella** (escaping the Tucson heat) and **Kenneth Curley** for an Italian brunch to celebrate the latter's birthday. We walked through the sights and smells of the Fillmore Jazz Street Festival and listened to a live band.

On Monday, **Simeon Hoang** brought up **Anthony Nguyen** (DENA) who just returned from Bethlehem University. They came up to visit **Joseph Pham** and **Bosco Truong**. Anthony has been assigned to the La Salle Providence community. Simon reported that **Fortunat Phong** is busy preparing to travel with his youth group of dancers and drummers to Marian Days in Missouri.



The Berkeley community celebrated Jonathan Cord's 83rd birthday with dessert delights

Miscellaneous...

Ongoing formation is essential to sustaining our Lasallian mission. This summer, seventeen of our Lasallian Partners are involved in the Buttimer Institute at Manhattan College. There are five each in the first two cohorts and seven in the third. They represent **Christian Brothers School** (2), **Mullen HS** (2), **Saint Paul's** (6), **Cathedral LA** (2), **San Miguel HS** (1), **DLSI** (1), **De La Salle Concord** (1), and **Christian Brothers HS** (2). We appreciate Dr. Andy Kuffner accompanying our Partners. We are blessed by our partners who commit to two weeks for each of three summers.

The flooring project in new Archives is now completed. The original tile in the old library and storage room has been replaced with attractive laminate wood flooring. This coming Saturday, the HFC will have no power while the new panel is connected for the final upgrade to the electrical. Once that is complete, the Archives personnel will move into their offices.



Peggy wrapping up the biweekly water aerobics class; they look to be prepping for Senior Olympics synchronized swim



Matthew Chiantella celebrated Kenneth Curley's 75th birthday



Art Carroll and CNA Rosa Rojas Torres at Auberge du Soleil, the chef is a friend



Jamie, Dale, and Tracy Barclay at the 4th of July Barbeque with both communities



Always active, Brian Dybowski does aerobics, PT, walking, and a punching bag



Ken Boesch and Antony Doss at dinner with the Mont La Salle Community

"Do not be unbelieving but believe." Thomas answered and said to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" JN 20:27

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