

# BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

28 April 2026



Team La Salle: Gery Short, AFSC, Postulant Tim Phelps, GVG, and Greg Kopra, AFSC, at the LCBF Golf Tournament in San Raphael

## PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- Our Holy Father and bishops to be Good Shepherds;
- Peace in our hearts and in the world;
- In thanksgiving for our benefactors;
- Those in mourning; especially the Arnaudon and Haley family;
- Just and swift settlement in our abuse cases;
- That the Holy Spirit magnify our vocation efforts;
- The needs of our young Brothers;
- Healing for Josph Pham, Brian Dybowksi, Bernie LoCoco, Charles Miller, and Josefina Rodriguez (Javi Hansen's grandma).



David Caretti visited two contacts at Ole Miss in Oxford, Mississippi

## My travels and assorted news...

Spent Monday and Tuesday at Centro La Salle to check on the progress of their programs, the *El Otro Lado* Program, and the community. There are three Brothers from MX Norte plus one from Venezuela who is having a *Levadura* experience for the year. A Partner who had previously been a volunteer also lives with the community.

On Wednesday morning, I zoomed in to the All Company Meeting. Highlights included an update on our lawsuits in CA. We put in a final offer two weeks ago and are awaiting news. There were also many images of the progress on the novitiate renovations. The ceilings are almost finished and the bedrooms are progressing with HVAC units installation.

Later that afternoon, **George Van Grieken** was honored at Saint Mary's College Convocation. This event was the culmination of many activities during Lasallian Heritage Weeks. GVG was the first alumnus to deliver a brief address and receive an honorary doctorate for his promotion of the Lasallian Mission. His comments were personal, spiritual, and pragmatic. That evening, the two SMC communities hosted GVG for a celebratory dinner complete with a cake for dessert with his face on it.

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*“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” GAL 6:2*

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On Friday, I attended Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep's President's Reception to kick off their 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The speeches by former and current students who were/are the beneficiaries of scholarships was profoundly moving. It reminded the assembly of the heart of our Mission: to provide opportunities for all students; especially those of limited means. Each speaker identified Lasallians who invested time in them and how that positively impacted the trajectory of their life and that of their family.

From there, I drove to Peacock Gap Golf Club in San Rafael for the Lasallian Christian Brothers Foundation (LCBF) Golf Tournament. 120 golfers had kicked off mid-morning. Shout out to the team of Tom Coughlan, **Antony Doss**, Holly Clark, **Mark Murphy**, and an army of volunteers who made it possible. I arrived for the dinner: Links and Legacy which honored the Isetta and Hulmer Families. With 280 dinner guests, mostly family and friends, the mood was buoyant as the delicious Italian dinner was served family style. Wine flowed freely. There was a silent auction as well as a live auction with **Chris Brady** as the MC. The event raised almost \$300,000 for the Isetta and Hulmer Family Fund - Praise God!



Steven Vasoli helped to host graduating SMC seniors at the *Bubbly with the Brothers* event

## Miscellaneous...

Numerous Brothers attended the funeral in Concord of Joe Haley, younger brother of **Lawrence**. Some had taught Joe at DLS Concord but most wanted to be of support to Lawrence. Not pictured were **Richard Orona, Michael Avila, Bernie LoCoco, and Ken Cardwell**.

Tragically, Colleen Dunne, the President of De La Salle Blackfeet, passed away over the weekend. She had open heart surgery a little over a month ago and never fully recovered due to a multitude of complications.

The Admissions Committee (**David Caretti, Sr Lisa Laguna, DC, Chris Brady, and me**) met to discuss the application by Tim Phelps (pictured left with **Steve Vasoli**). By design it is a wholistic look at a candidate with medical and psychological testing, interviews, recommendations, and an autobiography. I'm grateful to the committee members for their thoughtful examination and discussion of the candidate.



Tony, Jonathan, Mark, David, Thomas, Edmond, and Chris were some of the Brothers present at the Haley funeral



Joe Haras at prayer in the Saint Michael's community chapel in Santa Fe



SHCP President Melinda Skrade with Chris " #1 " Brady at school's anniversary kickoff



SMC President Roger Thompson with GVG after his Academic Convocation Address



Halen, his mother, a classmate, and Elvis attended a school reunion in Fresno



Marilyn and Bill Isetta thanked their extended family and many friends for their support of LCBF

*“Ask the Lord of all hearts to make yours one with those of your Brothers, in that of Jesus.”* MED 39.3

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