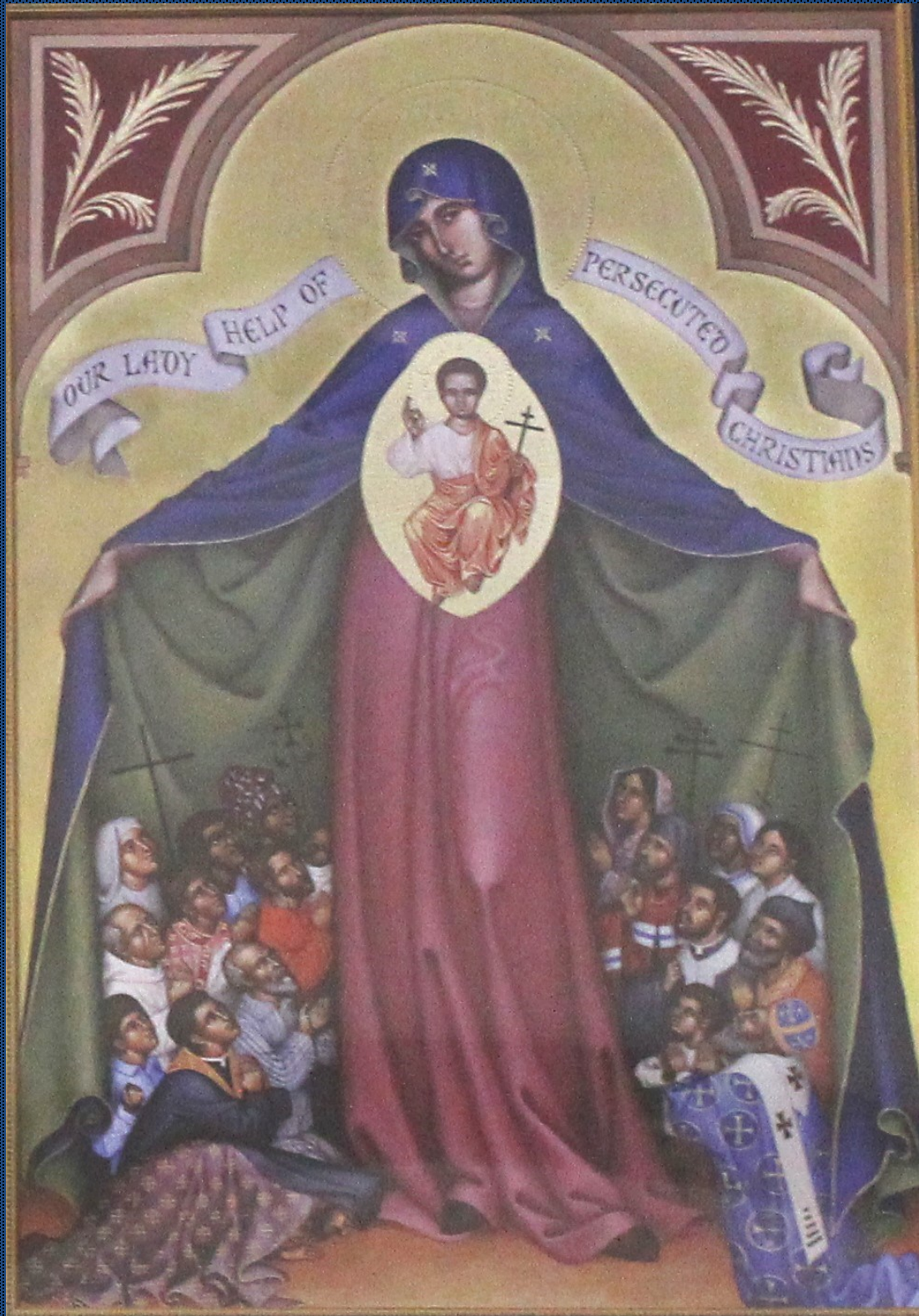


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If someone tells you to go fly a kite, do you feel instantly insulted or do you wait a moment to hear the rest of the story? Recently we held our annual kite flying day for the Sunshine Soccer League. So, it was appropriate to tell those present to go fly a kite. However, in normal situations, that statement would likely be taken as an insult. Go fly a kite indeed!!

In life, too many things that we do are partially understood or mistakenly thought as being detrimental. Being told that we need to go to confession may make some people angry as they may misinterpret the statement as one calling them sinners! (Actually, we all are sinners, but sometimes not mortal sinners). So, it really does depend on how one phrases a statement to others. For example, if you see a car as being dirty and you tell your friend that, then he may either say he will get around to washing it or he may become irate at you mentioning his car is dirty when he possibly has been going through a difficult period of his life.

But, what does this have to do with the Knights? In the first paragraph you were told to make sure how you phrase a common statement. In the second, one could be thought of as being accusatory. Sadly, in this day and age it appears that we have to be guarded in everything we say. How can we get around this feeling of always being guarded in what we say or do?

The easiest answer is prayer! Yes Brothers, with prayer all things are possible. If we pray the rosary to Our Lady every day we find that taking those few minutes of our day to pray gives us peace. Some people tell us that they don't have time to pray. Nonsense! Prayer can be as simple as saying “Thank you God”. Thank you God for this beautiful day or thank you God for my well being. You don't have to take hours to pray. Seconds or a few minutes will do in most cases. Save the long prayers for when you are by yourself and want to talk with our Lord and God!

Don't make prayer an interruption into your life. It is an interlude and a chance to remember that we are made in the likeness and image of God. As with any father, we owe it to God to think about Him and talk to Him. This will help us to gain a better understanding of what the Father wants us to do in life. As we find that path we will have a feeling of peace and joy in our hearts.

Remember—be all that you can be—be a Knight praying to God our Father daily!

Remember—One new member, per Council, per month.

This is the desire of the Supreme Knight. Can you help us make it happen?

For Fraternal Year 2022-2023

**The State Theme is:
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Grand Knight's Column



Grand Knight
Francis Abijaoude

Brother Knights,

What a terrific month we had in April! We began with the lively Bingo night captained by Kirk LaPlante and team. The 50/50 raffle was especially well received. A great time was had by all and so many are looking forward to our next Bingo night on June 10th. It is a wonderful way to bring together the parishioners for fun and to support our charities. Thanks to all the team members for a job well done!

The following Sunday we had two events. Thank you to Al Gillis and Dief for organizing the Kite flying event to support the Sunshine Soccer League. The families were so happy to have their friends, the Knights of Columbus 15001, at their side for this fun event. At the same time, over in O'Carroll Hall, we were proud to support our very own Erik Moreno as he achieved his Eagle Scout degree. He received certificates from both the State and Supreme Knights of Columbus. Dief also presented Erik with his original Eagle Scout medal from 1961! The Knights were so pleased to be a part of his celebration.

In honor of Jack Swartz, his son Shawn Swartz brought back "A Day at the Races" at Turf Paradise on April 22nd. One of Jack's favorite sports was horse racing. He grew up in a family who owned horses. He learned in his younger years to be a jockey and a trainer. In his later years he continued to enjoy watching horse races as well as many other sports programs. We had the following members of the Knights of Columbus attend the event at Turf Paradise: Shawn & Nadine Swartz, Kirk & Janet LaPlante, Francis & Cindy Abijaoude, Michael & Paulette Aguilar, Joe & Mary Catherine Schumacher, Ted Cherekos, Rich Rael, Ray Rosetti and Larry & Debbie O'Brien. The O'Brien's gave an informative tour of their stable and introduction to the care and training of their horses. We appreciated their knowledge and expertise. Then it was off to the races! With a good lunch and a great view of the races in the clubhouse, we had a wonderful afternoon. Thank you, Shawn, for organizing this event.

We now look forward to our next big event, being the "Ladies Tea" in May.

Vivat Jesus!

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In Memoriam



Sadly, we lost another Brother Knight this past month with the passing of Michael Murphy. As of this date we do not have any obituary or information about funeral arrangements nor interment.

Mike Murphy was a great Knight and warm hearted man who espoused the Works of the Knights of Columbus. He was always ready to help those in need and work around the parish. He was also a Warden of the Council for a number of years. His smile was always radiant and warmed the hearts of those whom he met.

May Michael rest in peace with all the faithfully departed and may his soul and all the souls of those who have gone before us rest in the peace of the Lord. Amen.

Fourth Degree News



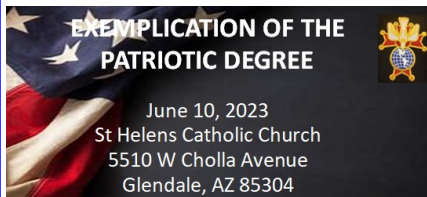
Bishop William Z Gomes Assembly 1805

News and Notes

By: SK Ted Cherekos



Each month, we would like to include news and notes about the 4th Degree of our Order. Several of our Council members belong to the 4th Degree, and we are members the “Bishop William Z .Gomes Assembly #1805”. The members meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church at 11020 N 40th Street. The church is located between Shea Blvd. and Cactus Rd. If you are 3rd Degree or a CUF member, and you are interested in becoming a 4th Degree member, please contact Gary Schulte, PFN for more information and an application form.



Our next Fourth Degree Exemplification is scheduled for June 10, 2023. If any 4th Degree member is interested in attending, please see SK Ted Cherekos or SK Gary Schulte, PFN for more information.

The Assembly completed its fundraising raffle. The raffle netted \$1,200, and the names of the raffle winners were pulled on April 1, 2023. There were two winners. One of those winners is our very own Gary Schulte. Congratulations!

Our Comptroller, John McNulty, PFN DD, was approached by a member of one of the Veterans Organization. The Veterans organization is a 501c3 charitable organization providing basic everyday items for all of our veterans. They are looking for donations to assist our veterans with their daily and medical needs

The Patriotic Degree

Each “degree” of the Knights of Columbus is associated with a particular virtue—Charity, Unity and Fraternity. The Fourth virtue is “Patriotism”. The Fourth Degree is known as the “Patriotic Degree”.

The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to our country through active membership as “Sir Knights” in local Fourth Degree groups called Assemblies.

The goals of our Fourth Degree are:

- *Promoting and strengthening the patriotic spirit of the civic community.*
- *Educating its members, and others of the teachings of Holy Mother Church, and the history of our nation.*
- *Promoting by example the highest type of citizenship so necessary for the preservation of the republican form of government, and its democratic institutions.*
- *Opposing the spread of doctrine dangerous to our form of government, and to the Divine law of faith and morality.*
- *Supporting by word and deed, the duly constituted authorities of local, state and national government, and to recognize excellence in public life.*

It is not unusual to find Fourth Degree Knights participating visibly in church events, such as Eucharistic processions as well as others, and in the community, standing up for the unborn and the elderly at Pro-Life events and commemorating the sacrifices of previous generations.

Knights Day at The Races 2023

After a 3 year hiatus, our Council held its annual Knights Day at the Races at the Turf Paradise Race Course located at 19th Avenue and Bell Road.

Our Knights Day at the Races started with a barn tour provided by fellow Council member Larry O'Brien and his wife Debbie O'Brien. We had the opportunity to meet his racehorses up close and personal and learned about the dedication it takes to become a successful horse trainer and owner. Questions were asked and answers were given about Turf Paradise's past, present and future.

Our group met for lunch in the clubhouse and then an afternoon of live horse racing. A good time was had by all. Some of us even came home big winners of the day.

For many years PGK Jack Swartz arranged our Knights Day at the Races. We want to send a very special thank you to Shawn Swartz and the O'Brien's for arranging this year's Knights Day at the Races.





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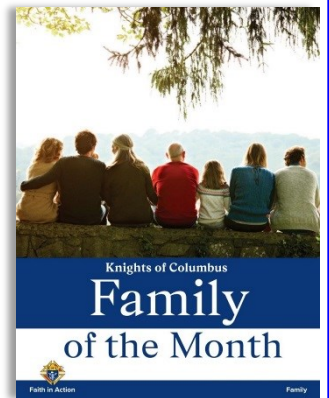
Promoting the Domestic Church— Families

The Knights of Columbus Order has always been interested in the development of strong and vibrant families. To support this philosophy and to create an awareness of many of our parish families, our Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, located in New Haven, Connecticut started the “Family of the Month” program in 1978. The “Family of the Month” program has become a successful part of our “Faith in Action” program.

Family of the Month

The Knights of Columbus “Family of the Month” Program promotes and recognizes families who outwardly exhibit strong ties of love and faith, demonstrating Catholic family values, and how the family makes meaningful contributions to our parish and the community.

Our Council has established a “Family of the Month” committee whose responsibility it will be to select a “Family of the Month”. The committee is made up of our St. Paul’s Knights of Columbus Council members and the St. Paul’s parish staff. We are working together to get recommendations for selecting a “Family of the Month”. Our “Family of the Month” committee is not looking for “Super Families”, but we are looking for families who live traditional Catholic family values like:



- Is the family tight knit? Does the family spend quality time together?
- Does the family attend weekly Mass together? Does the family pray together outside of Mass?
- Has the family made significant contributions to the parish and church community?
- Does the family serve as a model of Catholic family values?

On the 15th day of each 12 month period — from August through July — the “Family of the Month” submissions will be drawn at random from entries received at our Supreme Council offices in New Haven, Connecticut. Then, each of the selected families will receive a special Holy Family gift, and a personal letter of congratulations from our Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly. These items will be mailed directly to the family’s home address.

Family of the Year



Our “Family of the Month” Committee is also participating in selecting a “Family of the Year”. The “Family of the Year” selection process is the same as the “Family of the Month”. An eligible “Family of the Year” recipient must be a Knights of Columbus family that has been selected in the last 12 months. Our committee will consider whether the family has continued to show the traits of a strong Catholic family as well as promoting the principles of our Church as well as the principles of the Order of the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council will make a “Family of the Year” selection received from all of the Knights of Columbus State Councils. The “Family of the Year” will be invited to attend the annual Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention where a special presentation will be made.

If you know a Catholic family you would like us to recognize, please call our Family of the Month Chairman, Phil Tabbita, PGK, at 202-256-9642 or send an email to: Ptabbita@apwu.org

BINGO

Saturday April 15th at 6:00 p.m.

I want to thank each of you for staffing our BINGO event this weekend. It went much smoother than the earlier one, particularly in the check-in process. The addition of the 50/50 raffle was a huge success, and the Cow Bell added a lot of fun, and a great new marketing tool...thanks All!!!!

Andy did an amazing job seamlessly describing many of our KOC projects between games or as an introduction into the next game!!!!

I was a bit disappointed in the number of tickets sold (78) and hope that for our next event, on June 10th, we can hit 100!!!

Let me know if you noticed any aspect of the evening / ticket sales that could be improved!!!

[Here are our financial results -](#)

April 15, 2023 Raffle and 50/50 Winners

- Edward Fischer (\$25)
- Paulette Aguilar (\$25)
- Marty Laurel (\$25)
- Peggy Tinnin (\$25) - 2nd Time Winner (\$50)
- Frank Helmik (\$50)
- Natalya Ratan (\$50) - 2nd Time Winner (\$50)
- Lisa Fischer (\$50) - 2nd Time Winner (\$75)
- Lynn Brandt (\$50)
- Sharon Sindorf (\$50)
- Victoria Cherekos (\$50)
- Angie McGinn (\$38) - Split Winner
- Julie Laurel (\$100)
- Winner of the 50/50 Raffle: Michael Aguilar

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Ticket sales after Mass	\$ 980.00	49
Ticket sales at the Event	\$ 580.00	29
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	\$ 1,560.00	78
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Bingo Cards	\$ (150.65)	
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[Kite Day With Sunshine Soccer League](#)

On Sunday afternoon, April 16th, members of Council 15001, along with their family members, came out to the baseball field at Paseo Highland Park, which is located at the southwest corner of Pinnacle Peak and 35th Avenue for a Kite Day with the Sunshine Soccer League. Prior to the pandemic, our Council began implementing a Kite Day as a means of recognizing and working with some of the people who were a part of the Soccer League—either as a member or a family member supporting those in need. Several members and wives helped out during the kite flying while some of our members also attended Erik Moreno’s Eagle Scout ceremony at O’Carroll Hall held the same afternoon.

Those who helped at Kite Day: Kirk and Janet LaPlante, Charley and Terra Billingsley, Tom and Karen Roggenkamp, Tom Karl, Richard and Karen Rael, Rick and Angie Smith, Andy and Jack Picard and Greg and Sally Huelskamp.



Erik Moreno Awarded Eagle Scout

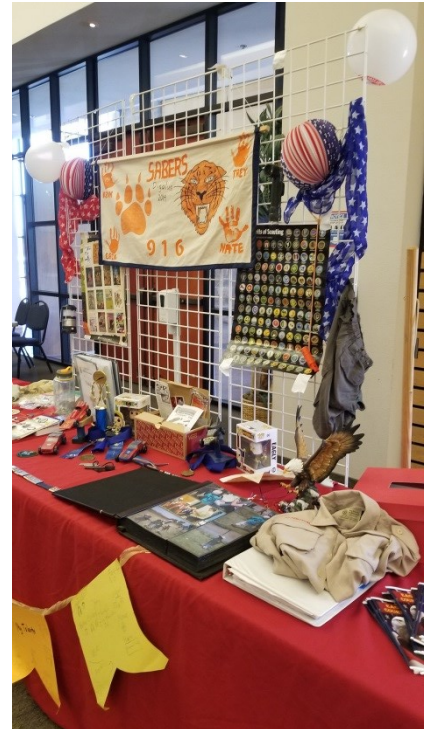
On Sunday afternoon, April 16th at O'Carroll Hall, Erik Jakob Moreno of Boy Scout Troop 916 was awarded his Eagle Scouting Badge and honors. Toward the end of the ceremonies, PGK Richard "Dief" Diefendorf presented Erik with his Eagle Scout Badge which he was awarded nearly 60 years ago. During the presentation Erik and Dief were also in the presence of another Eagle Scout—our GK Francis Abijaoude.

Please note that Erik helped to complete the project of having the statue below erected as a part of his Eagle Scout project. After completion, Erik's Mother Amelia helped to have the plaque installed which honors PGK Jack Swartz.





Eagle Scout Ceremony





Vitalant Awards Luncheon For Blood Drive

By: Jim Soderlund

For explanation of the Vitalant Blood Drive program we refer to the 2022 Vitalant Awards Luncheon, "The Impact" award is the most prestigious and difficult award to earn, signifying outstanding leadership in blood drive coordination. As an aside, I've said time and again it's the parish's award. I just go to pick it up. Council Brothers Andre Cerna, Ted Cherekos and Jerry Surdakowski preceded Tom VanBuren and me in making the K of C Council 15001's project the success it has become.

After attending the Vitalant Valentines for Life Awards Lunch for the first time last year, I wanted to share the "festivities" with others. Unfortunately, other commitments came into play. However, I was quite happy Fr. Bruno had accepted my invitation. Richard "Dief" Diefendorf was the 2nd Worthy Grand Knight during my tenure as a Co-coordinator of the St. Paul's Blood Drives.

History: The blood drives at St. Paul's Catholic Parish were initiated by a family named Weaver who had a child with some illness, not sure but it could have been leukemia, and several blood transfusions were necessary to enable the youngster's recovery. As time went on, Mr. Weaver passed away; the family moved away from the Parish, but United Blood Services still expected some blood drives at the parish. The Knights of Columbus Council 15001 took upon themselves putting the blood drives together. Somewhere between 2016 and 2019 United Blood Services was acquired by Vitalant. Brother Andre Cerna was the first front line coordinator I knew at St. Paul's. When I became a member of Council 15001, Andre Cerna resigned and Jerry Surdakowski was a co-captain. At my first meeting at St. Paul's Council Jerry was looking for help. I'd put together blood drives at St. Luke's and also in Rock Springs, Wyoming. All for United Blood Services. When Jerry was in New York during the summers of 2019 and 2020 I did all the setting up of the tables, equipment and set-up myself.

GK Francis and Brother Knights, I'm here to tell you. . . The concern that was raised during the pandemic shutdown of our parishioners' inability to donate blood amazed me. The March 2020 drive was cancelled because the shut down/quarantine was enacted five days before the blood drive. People were asking if it's cool enough to have the drive on the lawn where the Stations of The Cross are held. Vitalant couldn't use their blood mobiles units because there was no way to drive the long distances. However, that was the first suggestion. The St. Paul's donor roster numbers close to 300. Except for this past blood drive, we invariably get three to five donors from the neighborhood who see the blood drive notice on the electronic billboard.

The goal of the March 2023 blood drive was 35 donations. There were 55 appointment slots initially provided by Vitalant. Two Sundays before the March 26th drive, 52 people made appointments to donate blood on the 26th. Four parishioners had made appointments to give blood at one of the Vitalant Donation locations or another blood drive scheduled prior to ours. I notified our Donor Coordinator at Vitalant of the high number of appointments so as to add one Donation Staff.

The results of OUR FIRST DRIVE of 2023, *"The results are in and you had 52 donors go through interview resulting in 47 successful donations of which 6 donated a power red*." With these results you have reached 121% of donor goal and 123% of product goal and will help save as many as 135 people in our community hospitals."*

If there are any questions, please email me or text me at 602 670-2419

Vivat Jesus,
Jim Soderlund
Council Chairman Vitalant Blood Drives

What Is Power Red*

***To donate power red, people must:**

- not be ill
- if male, be at least 17 years old, be a minimum of 5 feet 1 inch tall, and weigh at least 130 lb.
- if female, be at least 19 years old, be a minimum of 5 feet 5 inches tall, and weigh at least 150 lb.

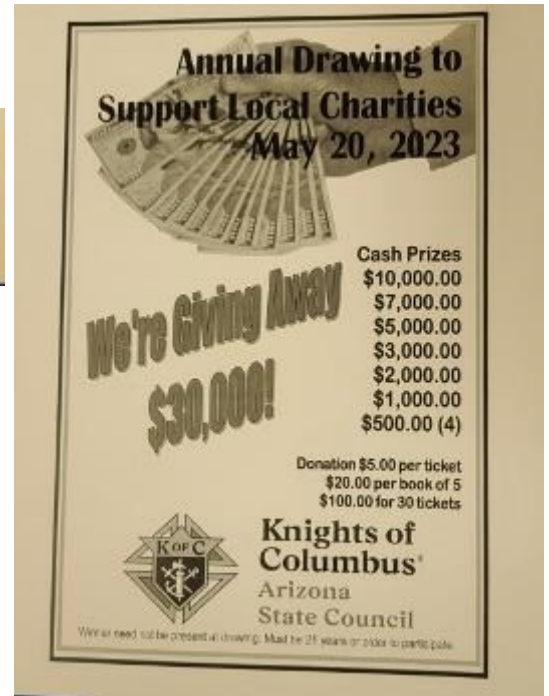


[Annual KofC Raffle Sale Continues](#)

The 2023 Arizona State Knights of Columbus Charity Raffle has begun.

All raffle winners will receive cash prizes.

- ◆ 1st prize: \$10,000
- ◆ 2nd prize: \$7,000
- ◆ 3rd prize: \$5,000
- ◆ 4th prize: \$3,000
- ◆ 5th prize: \$2,000
- ◆ 6th prize: \$1,000
- ◆ 7th through 10th prize: \$500 each
- ◆ All of the cash prizes total \$30,000!



Our 2023 St Paul's Council raffle sales goal is \$14,000.

Our charities will receive half of the proceeds from the sales of the raffle tickets.

Last year, our Council contributed \$6,081 to local charities.

Those charities included:

- ◆ the Women's Life Choice Clinic
- ◆ Sunshine Soccer League
- ◆ Poor Claire Nuns
- ◆ The Newman Center @ Grand Canyon University
- ◆ Phoenix Diocesan Seminary
- ◆ the Boy Scout Troop #916
- ◆ St. Vincent de Paul



Per guidelines established by Supreme, the charity raffle tickets will not be mailed to members or anyone.

Ticket packets should either be picked up at the parish office or at our monthly meetings. The Parish office hours are Monday 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Tuesday thru Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Already having started on March 18, ticket sales will be made available after all weekend Masses and the sales will end on Sunday May 14, 2023 at the 12:00 pm Mass. We will need 4 volunteers for each Mass.

The deadline for returning your tickets and money is May 15, 2023.

Mike Aguilar
2023 Council 15001 Charity Raffle Chairman



Annual Drawing to Support Local Charities May 20, 2023

**We're Giving Away
\$30,000!**

Cash Prizes

\$10,000.00

\$7,000.00

\$5,000.00

\$3,000.00

\$2,000.00

\$1,000.00

\$500.00 (4)

Donation \$5.00 per ticket

\$20.00 per book of 5

\$100.00 for 30 tickets



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Winner need not be present at drawing. Must be 21 years or older to participate.

Knights Help With Shredding Event

On Saturday, April 28th, Knights of Council 15001 assisted the Women's Group with the quarterly shredding event in the parish parking lot. We had 2 teams come to help and everything went smoothly.



Pictured are left to right: Fred Cosme, his wife, Jim Henry (our newest knight), Irene, Unknown Lady, Kirk LaPlante and Jim Cairo.



Pictured are left to right: Scott Kasallis, Jim Henry, Kirk LaPlante, GK Francis Abijaoude and Fred Cosme.



[Have you ever seen the Nazarene Symbol?](#)



You might have seen the Arabic letter ن popping up on friends' Facebook and Twitter profile pics and have been wondering what it means. Long before the Arabic letter for "N" was spray painted on all Christian property to be seized by ISIS militants in Mosul, Iraq, the "N" has stood for the Arabic word for Christian, which is "Nasrani" or Nazarene and always referred to **Jesus the Nazarene, our Savior**. These Mosul Christians were given an ultimatum to either convert to Islam, submit to their radical rule and pay a religious levy, or face death by the sword. Many fled for their lives.

The symbol used by ISIS to identify Christians to be persecuted is now being used by Christians all over the world on Facebook and Twitter as an act of solidarity with our brothers and sisters being persecuted and martyred.

We should encourage Christians to use this symbol NOT as an act of hate or vengeance against any of our Muslim brothers and sisters, and NOT as a way of associating all Muslims as terrorists or like ISIS.

We should encourage Christians to use this symbol as a reminder to PRAY for all persecuted Christians in the Middle East. Use this symbol as a reminder to PRAY for the non-Christians who are being persecuted in the Middle East, some of whom are moderate Muslims. (Note that the ن symbol first showed up as a sign of solidarity in a rally held at a Christian church in east Baghdad. A rally that reports say had *200 Muslims* in attendance showing an act of solidarity with the persecuted Christians.)



Most importantly, use this symbol to show that you too are a Christian, a follower of Jesus the Nazarene, and like our brothers and sisters in Iraq being killed for their faith, you should believe nothing in the world is more valuable than faith in Jesus' mercy and unquenchable love, not even life itself.

[Catholic Vocabulary Test](#)

AMEN:

The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

BULLETIN:

Your receipt for attending Mass.

CHOIR:

A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip-sync.

HOLY WATER:

A liquid whose chemical formula is H2OLY.

HYMN:

A song of praise usually sung in a key three octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

The last song at Mass often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

INCENSE:

Holy Smoke!

JESUITS:

An order of priests known for their ability to find colleges with good basketball teams.

JONAH:

The original 'Jaws' story.

KYRIE ELEISON:

The only Greek words that most Catholics can recognize besides gyros and baklava. (For you non-Catholics it means Lord have mercy.)



S.E.T. Remains as Very IMPORTANT

Well, it's that time of year when we need remind those who have not to complete our Safe Environment training course for 2022-2023 as soon as possible.

With your help, I'm hoping that you will be able to send me your certificate ASAP (meaning As Soon As Possible or yesterday)

Should you have any questions or need help, please feel free to contact Joseph Castellarin at IT@stpaulsphoenix.org or you can contact the diocese directly using their phone number 602-354-2000 during business hours.

Thank you for everything that you do for the Knight of Columbus at St. Paul's. It is because of you that Council 15001 is one of the best, if not the best, Council in Arizona!

VIVAT Jesus

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A "Call Out" to our St. Paul's Parish Ministers

It was mentioned during our masses and in the church bulletin we currently struggle to find enough Liturgical Ministers to cover all Mass times without having many serve every week.

If you are interested in serving in a liturgical ministry, or just want to know more, please contact any of the ministry leaders listed below. .

Lay Ministry of the Eucharist: Dr. Elly Monroe, e-mail: drelly7@cox.net

Ministry of Altar Servers: Jeanne Cosme, e-mail: jeannecosme@76@gmail.com

Ministry of Cantors and Music: Jojo Concepcion, e-mail: music@stpaulsphoenix.org

Ministry of Hospitality (Ushers): David Sedelmeier, e-mail: davidsedlmeier@yahoo.com

Ministry of Lectors: Claire Granger, e-mail: claire.granger@cox.net

Minister of Sacristan: Frances D'Angelo, e-mail: fdangelo@msn.com



**Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion**

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS—YOUR SHIELD FOR INSURANCE FOR LIFE



Why do we stress Knights of Columbus insurance so much? Have you ever thought about what would happen if we didn't have any insurance? I think that every one of our members remember that it was Fr. Michael McGivney who first saw the need to provide an means of insurance for his Catholic families. Think about that! It was not a lay person who came up with the idea of forming some sort of a benefit for our Catholic families when the Catholic man of the household was no longer able to work or was killed on the job—something which occurred with regularity in the late 1800's.

Yes—it was the understanding of the importance of protecting families that caused Fr. Michael McGivney to gather together some key men of his parish to see what could be done to provide a means of protection for families. Through his personal experiences, Fr. McGivney knew that insurance would become the key that opened up so many possibilities for his members.

From those first days of providing protection the Knight of Columbus has grown into a 2 plus million membership which allows its members the continuing opportunity to obtain some of the best insurance in the nation. As Knights, we do so many Works of Mercy and Charity, but often forget and neglect our own selves or our families.

I would imagine that each of us carry automobile insurance. Some people will try to not buy it; however, if they are in a wreck and are the cause of it, then they may find themselves in debt for years if not for the rest of their lives. Similarly, those who do not buy insurance for their family may leave them in a precarious position if something happens and they can no longer provide for them.

Insurance basically is inexpensive when you consider the alternatives. Buying a few Starbucks each week or a ticket to a game or movie theater come down to a lot of money; however insurance is nowhere nearly as expensive.

The Knights of Columbus provides me with many tools to work out situations or comparisons for clients—you—who want to seek the best coverage for themselves and their loved ones. Call me today and let's talk about what you expect to happen in you life and how I can help you shape your future. Just remember—I'm not here to try to scare someone into getting more insurance or insurance which they can't afford. My job is to try to help you understand what types of insurance are available to help you think about how you are going to protect your family.

Fr. Michael McGivney knew the value of life insurance for his catholic members who soon became Knights of Columbus.

Do you know the value of this benefit and what is can do for you?



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Birthdays—May 2023

May 20	Donald Sciarrotta		May 15	Margaret “Mac” Diefendorf
May 20	Rijo Joseph		May 21	Janell (Adams) Ziebarth
May 21	Alberto Vela			
May 22	Norm Cellini			
May 22	Fred Cosme			
May 26	Kirk LaPlante			
May 29	Charles Kirkland			
May 29	Roel Zamora			

NOTE: Wives’ birthday list was taken from the Council Membership Survey which was turned in by members of the Council.

*We would really like every member to complete this survey
so that we can have the most complete and accurate birthday listing available*

Our Knights In Action

During the past Fraternal Year, PGK Richard Diefendorf sent a full year listing of the types of volunteer service hours, in a form format, to each member. We will try to continue that by providing a two-month list for you to fill out and give to the Financial Secretary. **You may also include any ministries that your wife and family participate in.** This means that you may include time for any and all parish ministries: EM, Adorer, Usher, Lector, Altar Server, Dusting Angels, RCIA, teaching or assisting at Catechesis, prayer shawls, decorating the Church at Christmas and Easter, attending Degree ceremonies, and of course the picnic and Campus cleanup. These are only a few of the things we and our Families do.

Monthly Record of Volunteer Service Hours for Council 15001

April

Bishop’s Good Friday Rosary _____
 Rosary Raffle Ticket sales _____
 2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary _____
 Servers _____
 EM _____
 Lector _____
 Adoration _____
 Bingo _____
 Kite Day _____
 Eagle Scout Ceremony _____
 Other: _____

May

Ladies High Tea _____
 2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary _____
 Raffle Ticket Sales _____
 State Convention _____
 Servers _____
 EM _____
 Lector _____
 Adoration _____
 Other: _____

Whether for Flu, RSV or Covid, be Wise and Immunize!



May 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 General Meeting Conference Room 7:00 p.m.	4	5	6
7 Donut Sunday 	8	9	10	11	12	13 Ladies Tea
14 Rosary at Planned Parenthood 	15 Officers' Meeting 7:00 p.m. Conference Room	16	17	18	19 AZ KofC State Convention Off Campus 	20 AZ KofC State Convention Off Campus
21 Donut Sunday 	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



Upcoming Events For May/June 2023

May 2023

- May 03 Membership Meeting, 7 p.m. Conf. Center
- May 07 Donut Sunday
- May 13 Ladies Tea in O'Carroll Hall
- May 14 Rosary at Planned Parenthood
- May 15 Officer's Meeting 7 p.m. in Conference Room
- May 19-20 KofC State Convention Off Campus
- May 21 Donut Sunday
- May 29 Memorial Day



This applies to the Flu,
RSV Virus and Covid!

June 2023

- June 03 Pilgrimage to Tonopah
- June 04 Donut Sunday
- June 07 Membership Meeting, 7 p.m. Conf. Center
- June 10 BINGO O'Carroll Hall after 5:00 p.m. Mass
- June 11 Rosary at Planned Parenthood
- June 15 Assembly 1805 Meets at St. Joseph's 7:00 p.m.
- June 19 Officers' Meeting 7 p.m. in Conference Room

**Remember: Hot water and soap
will shorten the life of a virus.
Also, wearing a mask may also
make a difference.**

Attention All Event Chairmen: After your event, please ensure that photos are sent to your Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the next newsletter.



Prayer to End Abortion

We often discuss in the newsletters and during General Meetings the need to have Rosary Saturday which is the second Saturday of each month. While many of you are able to take some time out of your valuable day, it would be a great example to yourselves, your family and your parish to make an appearance as often as possible. Every prayer is valuable to you and to our Blessed Mother Mary. It is through Her that we ask for God's intercession to stop the needless killing of convenience that is occurring. So once again, we ask you to try to come to as many of the Rosary Saturdays as possible during each year.

*Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life,
And for the lives of all my Brothers and sisters.
I know there is nothing that destroys more life than
abortion,
Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death
by the Resurrection of Your Son.
I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.
Today I commit myself
Never to be silent,
Never to be passive,
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.*

*I commit myself to be active in the pro-life
movement,
And never to stop defending life
Until all my Brothers and sisters are protected,
And our nation once again becomes
A nation with liberty and justice
Not just for some, but for all.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen!*

For Those Who Are Sick & Distressed

*Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness.
Hear the prayers we offer for our sick or distressed Brothers or their relatives:*

PGK Sean Cronkite (Cousin of PGK John Blome), Terra Billingsley, Rick Razzano, Bill Hintze, Cecile Calderon, Ave Marie Leonard, Diane Russell, Rebecca Cairo, Chuck Kime, Don Kolb, Manny Flores, Grae Fischer (young daughter of Brother Knight Ed Fischer), Lila Van Cuyk, Gary Parsons, Friend of Gary DeGregorio, Jackie LaPlante (daughter of Janet and PGK Kirk LaPlante), Bill O'Connell, Mike Godwin and Jonathan Hauer.

Rest of the soul of Brother Michael Murphy



*May all who suffer pain, illness or disease realize that
they are chosen to be saints and know that
they are joined to Christ in his suffering
for the salvation of the world,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, Amen.
Always keep in mind the unborn who were never given a chance of life.*

Catholic Prayer for those who have passed

*"Loving God our Father, Your power brings us to life.
Your care guides our lives,
and by Your command we return to the dust from which we came.*

*Father, those who pass on still live in Your presence,
their lives are changed but do not end.
I plead in hope for my family, relatives and friends,
and for all the dead known only to You.*

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