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**July 1, 2023**

The month of July is dedicated to The Precious Blood of Jesus.

The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green.

This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

The Blood that coursed through the veins of Christ was a part of that Sacred Humanity made possible by the maternity of Mary, whose parents, St. Joachim and St. Anne are honored this month. (July 26).

Our Lord's blood poured out on the Cross purchased our salvation, washed clean the robes of the martyrs, and gave birth to the Church as it flowed from his wounded side. The Precious Blood of Christ — now pulsing through his Mystical Body, continues its salvific work, preserving and purifying, repairing and providing nourishment for regeneration and renewal of its members.







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### Council 15001

#### Your Officers for 2023-2024

Grand Knight.....Daniel McGinn,GK  
Chaplain.....Fr. Dindo "Bruno" Cuario  
Asst. Chaplain.....Fr. Ishaya Samaila  
Deputy Grand Knight..Charley Billingsley  
Chancellor.....Ed Fischer  
Financial Secretary.....Kirk LaPlante, PGK  
Treasurer.....Jim Cairo  
Trustee 3 yr.....Francis Abijaoude,PGK  
Trustee 2 yr.....Richard Diefendorf, PGK  
Trustee 1 yr.....Al Gillis, PGK  
Advocate.....Gary Schulte, PGK  
Recorder.....Andy Picard  
Warden.....Artie Hauer  
Inside Guard.....Tom Roggenkamp  
Outside Guard (1).....Fred Cosme  
Outside Guard (2).....Nathan Duncan

#### Appointed Officers

Lecturer.....Gary DeGregorio  
Info. Technical Director.....Nelson Mayo  
Communications.....Jim Gentner  
Newsletter Editor/Publisher..Tom Karl, PGK  
Editorial Staff.....Ted Cherekos  
Knights Website.....John Blome, PGK  
4th Degree Coordinator...Gary Schulte, PGK

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

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

Who has heard about Cor? Cor is a new initiative developed by the Supreme Council. Its name, *Cor*, is drawn from the motto of St. John Henry Newman, *Cor ad cor loquitur*, which is Latin for "Heart speaks to heart." *Cor* is Latin for heart. It is named such so that men can get their very heart right. If they can embrace a life of Catholic virtue and Knighthood to the very depths of their heart, it will be an inspiration to live a better life and make the world a better place. Get the man right, get the family right, get the Parish right and get society right. It all starts with the man, to the very heart of the matter. *Cor* will also involve a monthly gathering open to all men where they can pray deep and meaningful prayers together, go through formation and participate in good, dignified Catholic fraternity. It is distinct from the monthly Council business meeting. The *Cor* meeting is designed to help Catholic men build an intentional relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation and fraternity.

So, what does that mean for the men of Council 15001? I think that we all need to embrace the ideas of being a Catholic Gentleman—a good husband, good father and mentor and a man in the whole concept of masculinity.

A true man will help guide his family as well as others to do the right thing. One of these is by being practical in your faith. Many times Supreme makes comments about some form of masculinity and we may think of Arnold Schwarzenegger or some other body builder type. No, we are not talking about a he-man personality, but rather a quiet reserved manly type person who does what is right for the right reason. Pope Francis is one of those men.

How can we get the idea of "Cor" into our Council environment? I think that it will be easy to do when we already have many members willing to do activities such as going to the Adoration Chapel and praying, working as ushers, lectors or the myriad of volunteer areas within the church and on the campus.

Many of us are already doing things like the Nun Run, Soccer League kite days, visits to the Nuns at Tonopah and helping with parish picnics. We have been and continue to be proud of the work we have done on behalf of St. Paul's Parish and helping out by sponsoring our priests or nuns in their service to the community.

I'm sure that we will all be hearing more about the "Cor" program from our State and Regional Directors.

**For Fraternal Year 2023-2024**

**The State Theme is:**

**TBD**



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OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE  
IN SERVICE TO ALL

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## Grand Knight's Column



Grand Knight  
Daniel McGinn

Brother Knights,

### Just say "Yes."

As we start another year together, I find myself reflecting on my journey as a Knight. I began my journey in 2017, so this marks my seventh year as a proud member of the Knights of Columbus Council 15001.

My dear wife, Angie, had encouraged me to join the Knights and follow in the footsteps of both our fathers. Both her support as well as encouragement mean the world to me and she has always been my rock. I recall speaking to Tom Russell over the phone after completing a Form 100 at the Ministry Fair. That was my first "yes" of many.

With the support of Andre Cerna and Ted Cherekos, I completed the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees. It was during one of the general meetings, with Tom Nash serving as our Worthy Grand Knight at the time, that he asked me to be the captain of the Arizona Rosary Celebration. Although hesitant, I said "yes" once again.

In 2021, Past Grand Knight Tom Nash emailed me and asked if I would consider becoming Chancellor and, eventually, Grand Knight. After prayerful consideration and with Angie's support, I said "yes." This decision was met with abundant support and encouragement from the Officers and Past Grand Knights. At the time, I expressed my self-doubt and felt humbled by their trust. I still hold the same sentiment but have faith that we will navigate any challenges together.

I am also delighted to share that this June, I achieved the honor of becoming a Fourth Degree "Sir" Knight. Once again, it was the examples and inspiration provided by many of you who planted the seeds along my journey. This was my most recent "yes" and I'm now a proud member of the Fourth Degree.

The works of this Council and the example each of you has set have truly inspired me. We are a small yet mighty Council, working to uphold our values of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity as Catholic men.

Now, to be honest, I did say "no" a few times along my journey. Sometimes the timing was not right. However, I would like to challenge each of you to pray for the strength to say "yes" more often than "no." The strength of our Council lies in the Unity of the collective effort of all of us. By selflessly offering our time, talents and resources, we can create a positive impact that reaches far beyond our own Fraternal circle. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside you exceptional men of faith and character.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan McGinn  
Grand Knight  
Council 15001



I know I'm up to the task, but I have some  
big shoes to fill after following Francis!  
But, with the help of my fellow Knights  
and the Grace of God,  
I know that I can do it.



## Past Grand Knight's Column



Past Grand Knight  
Francis Abijaoude

Brother Knights,

The end of the month of June will mark my final month as Grand Knight of St. Paul's Knights of Columbus Council 15001 fraternal year 2022-2023. As I reflect on the past twelve months, my thoughts are on the good work of our Order.

We can justifiably take pride that we were able to meet our goals for the seven charities we support with the proceeds from the Knights of Columbus State Raffle. We helped to organize and run parish events such as the Parish Festival, the Blood Drive, our Memorial Mass for Fallen Knights, decorating the campus for Christmas, Donut Sundays, St. Paul Feast Day, Eucharistic Procession, our Corporate Mass, Fr. McGivney's Mass, our Soup/Bread/Stations of the Cross and Speaker Friday during Lent, and The Ladies High Tea. Off campus we led the Rosary Sundays at Planned Parenthood, attended the Annual Rosary Sunday at the Civic Center, the Nun Run, the Sunshine Soccer League Kite Flying as well as our ongoing support for our Boy Scouts, the Newman Center, also the Nazareth House Seminary, St. Vincent De Paul, and the Women's Clinic.

What gives me the greatest pleasure are the new initiatives that were enacted this year. We were able to fund the building of a well to provide potable water for the villagers in Fr. Ishaya's hometown of Rumi, Nigeria. This project was to celebrate his Silver Jubilee as a Priest and to honor his wish that funds would become available. In the same vein we just celebrated Sr. Georgina's Silver Jubilee as a Nun in her Order of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We presented her with a check from our Bingo night held on June 17<sup>th</sup> which will help to fund an orphanage and a school for girls in her home in South Sudan. Our Bingo "Knights" are a huge success and now we can provide more funds for our charities as well as parish fellowship. Finally, we established the Family of the Month Program which is a National Knights of Columbus Program.

The Knights of Columbus is a vast, global organization making its mark in the name of Jesus all over the world. However, it all begins with each of us. When I was first voted in as Grand Knight, I was asked what I intended to accomplish. I leave a close knit, cohesive group of men with the same values and the joy of working together. I am proud of your attendance at our meetings and at all our activities. As Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly said, the Knights of Columbus has been called "the strong right arm of the Church."

As I conclude my service as Grand Knight, I thank our Officers who served with me and for their support and dedication to the Order. I also wish the best of luck to the incoming Officers who I am sure will do a fantastic job!

Vivat Jesus!

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## **Incoming Officers for the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year**

Our Council's Officer election was conducted during our regular business meeting on June 7, 2023. The Officers' slate was introduced by PGK Richard Diefendorf and the incoming Officers were voted and elected by Acclamation by our members. The Officer installation and date is scheduled for July 5, 2023 in O'Carroll Hall at 7:00 p.m. All of our Knights families and friends are invited. The full list is on this page and also on page 2.

### **Here are our incoming Officers for the 2023-2024 Fraternal year:**



**Grand Knight:** Dan McGinn



**Deputy Grand Knight:** Charley Billingsley



**Chancellor:** Ed Fischer



**Treasurer:** Jim Cairo

**Advocate:** Gary Schulte, PGK



**Recorder:** Andy Picard



**Warden:** Artie Hauer



**Inside Guard:** Tom Roggenkamp



**Outside Guard #1 :** Fred Cosme



**Outside Guard #2:** Nathan Duncan



**(3 yr. term) Trustee:** Francis Abijaoude, PGK



**(2 yr. term) Trustee:** Richard Diefendorf, PGK



**(1 yr. term) Trustee:** Al Gillis, PGK



### **The following Officers are appointed:**

**Financial Secretary:** Kirk LaPlante, PGK (by Supreme);



**Chaplain:** Fr. Bruno Cuario

**Asst. Chaplain :** Fr. Ishaya Samalia (by GK, DGK and Trustees);



**Lecturer:** SK Gary DeGregorio





# Why Doesn't God Heal Everybody?

We all struggle with this question throughout our lives, and especially when we lose someone who is close to us. On June 21st, I lost a dear friend of 40+ years to a 5+ month battle with brain cancer. I prayed for a miracle healing, which did not come in his case. He will be missed by all those who loved him.



Today Fr. Mike Schmitz challenges us to think about and pray about how we view healing and suffering. As Knights of Columbus members of St. Paul's Council 15001, we need to take 11.5 minutes out of our busy days and listen to this video by Fr Mike—which provides an important perspective on this important question. I have included some quotes from the video below so you can get a glimpse into his message. Please watch the video to get the whole story and then share it with your loved ones!!!

Watch the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdQ7Oc5JPUc> (you can first copy, then enter into your internet browser and click on the link or you may have to type it into your browser manually, note this link is case sensitive - meaning you must type in the exact letters as upper case or lower case).

“Jesus is a miracle worker. He worked many incredible “signs and wonders” during His 33 years on earth and He continues to stun us with modern miracles to this day. He has healed us physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. But if He has shown us that He can do this... why hasn't He healed everyone?”

From *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the section on Illness in human life (paragraphs 1500, 1501):

- ◆ Illness and suffering have always been among the gravest problems confronted in human life. In illness, man experiences his powerlessness, his limitations and his finitude. Every illness can make us glimpse death.
- ◆ Illness can lead to anguish, self-absorption, sometimes even despair and revolt against God. It can also make a person more mature, helping him discern in his life what is not essential so that he can turn toward that which is. Very often illness provokes a search for God and a return to Him.

“God heals for two reasons:

- 1) He Loves YOU;
- 2) He uses signs to point to Himself.”

“There are times when Jesus heals, and there are times when Jesus doesn't heal. Both times He is still Lord, in both times He is still God, in both times He is still good, and in both times He still Loves YOU. If you find yourself in that place right now, know this - He is still Lord, He is still good, He is still God and He still Loves YOU. He is always doing something in this! ... That is what you are called to in this moment - to cling to Jesus, even if that also means to cling to Jesus on the Cross.”

God Bless you and your families,

SK Gary DeGregorio  
Lecturer, St Paul's Council 15001



## In Memoriam

**Charles "Chuck" Kime, PhD**  
**December 28, 1929—June 5, 2023**



On June 16th our Council learned of the passing one of our Brother Knights, Charles Kime, who joined our Council in 2018.

His funeral was at St Paul's Parish on June 23, 2023. He is survived by his wife Judy and two sons. A rosary service was given and a letter of condolence was given to the family by our Grand Knight Francis Abijaoude during his funeral service.

Charles H. Kime, PhD was an Assistant Professor at Arizona State University East Campus. He coordinated the Fire Services Programs in the College of Technology and Applied Sciences, which included a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Fire Service Management and a Master of Science in Technology degree in Fire Service Administration. Prior to joining Arizona State University, Dr. Kime spent more than 32 years serving with the Phoenix, Arizona Fire Department, retiring in 1999 as the Executive Assistant Fire Chief. In the fire services, his experiences ranged from line firefighting positions to supervisory and middle management, then to executive management positions which spanned more than twenty years. During his fire services career, Dr. Kime was very active in university education. He taught in the graduate program of the Arizona State University School of Public Affairs as well as the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree program at the same institution, in addition to his teaching of myriad fire sciences and fire services administration classes. His research interests included organizational leadership, organizational behavior and human resource management—especially within the context of the fire service. Dr. Kime held a Bachelors Degree in Industrial Technical Education, a Master of Business Administration degree and a Doctorate in public administration. His book, *Organizational leadership: Fire services in the United States*, was published in 2001 by Elsevier.



Eternal rest grant unto him,  
O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon  
him.

May he rest in peace.

May his soul and the souls of all  
the faithful departed, through the  
mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen!





## Life Choices Is All Smiles With Our Donation

On Friday, June 30th a \$1500.00 facsimile check was presented to the Life Choices Women's Clinic of Phoenix. This is a part of our planned annual donation to help support this clinic. Life Choices Women's Clinic is dedicated to improving the lives of women and their families, by providing medical care, counseling and education. Our Low-cost and free Phoenix clinics offer a wide variety of medical services related to pregnancy and other areas of women's health. Our services are delivered in an atmosphere of care and respect and are available to all women.

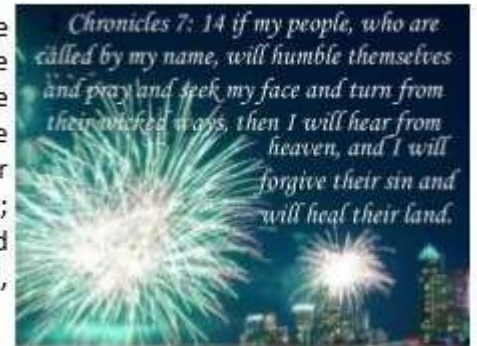
LCWC center is staffed by licensed medical personnel, trained counselors and experienced administrative staff.



## For the Nation



Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



## A Thank You to our Raffle Chairman & Top Sales Performer

Chairman Michael Aguilar presented Andre Cerna the Joe Gray Memorial Charity Raffle Achievement Award for being the 2023 State Raffle Top Sales Performer.

For his outstanding work and dedication during the many years he has been our Raffle Chairman, Mike Aguilar was presented a gift certificate from Valle Luna (Mike's favorite restaurant) for his time, energy and dedication to the 2023 State Raffle.



Both awards were presented during our June general business meeting.





## 2023-2024 State Raffle Proceeds Given to Charity

As the saying goes, "All good things must come to an end".

With the efforts of our Raffle Chairman, Mike Aguilar supported by our council members and the St Paul's community, the 2023 Raffle was a success. Now it is time to put our funds to work. The council made the following donations to the St. Paul's St Vincent De Paul Chapter, Boy Scout Troop #916, and the Holy Spirit Newman Center at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix.



Raffle Chairman Mike Aguilar, GK Francis Abijaoude, WFS/ PGK Kirk LaPlante and Raul Zamora give a \$500 donation to the Holy Spirit Newman Center at Grand Canyon University.



GK Francis Abijaoude & WFS / PGK Kirk LaPlante and Tom Van Buren gave a \$1000 donation to the St Paul's Chapter of St. Vincent De Paul.



GK Francis Abijaoude and WFS / PGK Kirk LaPlante present a \$500 donation to the leaders and members of the St Paul's Boy Scout Troop #916.



## Membership News and Notes

On June 4, 2023 Lourdes Torres, the daughter of Brother Luis and Llewellyn Torres received her sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion at a special Mass at St Paul's. She was sponsored by our PGK / WFS Kirk LaPlante.



## C.U.F. Degree

On June 22, 2023 Jacob Zamora (center right) and Erik Moreno (center left) completed their Charity, Unity, Fraternity (CUF) Degree to become full Brother Knights of St Paul's Council 15001.

The CUF ceremony was presided over by Frank Atherton, PGK, PFN, FDD. The degree team included our District Deputy, Rich Ryan, PFN, PGK Richard Diefendorf, Michael Aguilar, PGK Tom Nash. Raul Zamora, PGK /WFS Kirk LaPlante along with family and friends were in attendance.

Jacob and Raul Zamora are now our Council's 5th father/son membership duo. Our other four Fathers and Son duos are: Charles Billingsley, Morgan Billingsley, and Wyatt Billingsley, the late Ernie Weege and Dan Weege, the late Jack Swartz and Shawn Swartz, and the late Armando Truillo Sr. and Armando Truillo Jr.



FAITH



COMMUNITY



FAMILY



LIFE



## An Outstanding Donation to an Outstanding Organization



Since our Council's early days, we have partnered with the Sunshine Soccer League in Glendale to become their best sponsor in time, talent, and treasure. The Sunshine League is a non-profit organization that was started in 2001 to provide a place for children with special needs to play soccer and socialize with others. Their players many of whom have been diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, developmental delays, Autism, Downs Syndrome, visual impairments, ADHD and other disabilities participate in the program. The Sunshine Soccer league does not turn anyone away. They find creative ways to adapt to children who join their program.

Our early fundraising efforts for the Sunshine Soccer league was through the People with Intellectual Disabilities (PID) Drive, also known as the Tootsie Roll Drive. Unfortunately, the PID drive ended several years ago, but our Council's support for the Sunshine Soccer League has grown even stronger.

This year is no different. Our Grand Knight Dan McGinn and Worthy Financial Secretary /Past Grand Knight Kirk LaPlante presented a \$2,000 check to the Sunshine Soccer League organizer, Jill Oliver. The donation was made possible from our 2023 State Raffle proceeds and our Council's gifting committee. This money gives the Sunshine Soccer League the ability to pay for field time at the Arizona Soccer Sports Complex during Sunday afternoons.

In case you did not know . . . .Our annual Council's donations have exceeded the donations given by the Thunderbird Foundation, (Phoenix Thunderbirds) who host the Phoenix Open.



*Pictured: Grand Knight Dan McGinn, WFS/PGK Kirk LaPlante, present a \$2,000 check to Sunshine Soccer League organizer, Jill Oliver (left). Jill is joined by her soccer players and their families.*



## June 17th Bingo Night For Sister Georgina Victor's Jubilee Celebration



Our Council held its third Bingo Night On June 17, 2023. There were 71 guests along with our Knights Bingo Team. The Bingo team was led by our PGK Kirk LaPlante, PGK Richard Diefendorf, PKG Al Gillis (50/50 Raffle), Nelson Mayo, Anthony Vechiola, Ted Cherekos, Frank Dzielak, Arty Hauer and Charles Billingsley, and Steve Petit, and Andy Picard.



Our goal was to raise as much money as possible for Sister Georgina's 25th Anniversary Jubilee and for her projects in South Sudan. Through our awesome efforts, our council netted \$1,000 from the evening.

We had some repeat and new winners of individual games. The 50/50 raffle raised \$386.00 dollars. 50% of the proceeds went to Sister Georgina and the other 50% was won by Tara Billingsley. Tara then donated her half of the winning to Sister Georgina.





## Sister Georgina Victor's 25th Silver Jubilee

### **INVITATION TO ALL**

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Mt 11:28-30)



**Celebration of the Silver Jubilee**  
Saturday, June 24, 2023

**SR. GEORGINA VICTOR**  
**ABINGKWAEC**  
Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
(SHSJ)  
5:00 pm Mass  
Reception will follow at O'Carroll Hall



A Silver Jubilee of a religious profession is a milestone in the life of any consecrated person. It is a time to remember and rejoice in the many ways that the Lord has led the person through life. It is a time to rejuvenate and renew their commitment which has been such an important part of the life of the person and congregation. It is a time to thank the good and mighty Lord for the beautiful gift of the vocation to the institute of religious life and for the church. It is also a time to acknowledge and celebrate the dedication and commitment through all these many years.

Most importantly, it is a time to express our love and to show our appreciation and thanks.

On Saturday June 24, 2023, a special Mass and potluck was held at St Paul's to celebrate Sr. Georgina Victor's 25th Jubilee. The evening's events were led by our master of ceremony, Scott Ziebarth, who had his share of funny nun jokes.

Speakers during the evenings events included Rev. Sr. Betty Benjamin who spoke about the Order being a part of the Phoenix diocese. A word of gratitude from Reverend Father Robert Alionzi, along with a word of encouragement from Deacon Francie. Other speakers included Sr Georgina's Mother representative Mom Philomena, and Mom Rebecca a member who spoke about the Colo Community. Their presentation included an invitation by the Sudanese Community to their National Celebration on July 4th in Omaha Nebraska.



The Knights also contributed to the celebration by providing refreshments and a \$2,000 check to the Sacred Heart of Mary for Sister Georgina's projects such as building a Boarding School and funds for girls who are looking to enter the religious life in South Sudan. The \$1,000 was raised during our June 17th Bingo Night and an anonymous donor matched the \$1,000 donation.

Final words of thanks were given by Sister Georgina Victor to thank all who attended the Mass and the evening's events.





## Fourth Degree News and Notes

# **Bishop William Z. Gomes Assembly #1805**

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 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 PGK/PFN for more information and an application form.

## Fourth Degree News and Notes

*By: SK Ted Cherekos*

On June 10, 2023, our 4th Degree Exemplification was held at St Helen's Catholic Church in Glendale. Our Assembly welcomed 3 members, which included our Council's Grand Knight, Dan McGinn. Please welcome our Council's newest 4th Degree member to our Assembly.

The next two scheduled degree ceremonies are being set for Flagstaff in September and November in Phoenix. Specific dates and locations to be determined.

## Officers Elected For The Upcoming Fraternal Year 2023-2024

Our Officer election was during our Assembly's regular business meeting on June 15, 2023. All Officers were introduced and they were elected by Acclamation by our members. The Officer installation and date and time is yet to be determined. Our elected Officers are: our Faithful Navigator, Faithful Captain, Faithful Pilot, Faithful Scribe, Faithful Purser, Faithful Inner and Outer Sentinels and Faithful Admiral. Our Assembly has a 3 year, 2 year and 1 year trustees and two appointed Assembly officer positions: Faithful Friar and Color Corp Commander (CCC).

**Faithful Navigator (Grand Knight):** SK Matt Holguin, PFN

**Faithful Captain (Deputy Grand Knight) :** SK Robert Bogart

**Faithful Admiral:** SK Mark Orceletto, PFN

**Faithful Pilot (Warden):** SK Barry Auguste

**Faithful Comptroller (Financial Secretary):** SK John McNulty, DD, PFN

**Faithful Purser (Treasurer):** SK Rich Ryan, DD, PFN

**Faithful Scribe (Recorder):** SK Gary Schulte, PFN

**Faithful Inner Sentinel (Inside Guard):** SK Patrick Langerman

**Faithful Outer Sentinel (Outside Guard):** SK Andrew Armstrong

**(3 yr. term) Trustee:** SK Gary Johnson, PFN

**(2 yr. term) Trustee:** SK Frank Atherton, PFN

**(1 yr. term) Trustee:** SK Jeff Carpentier

### Positions Appointed the Faithful Navigator:

**Faithful Friar (Chaplain):** SK Father "Reggie" Carreon (Parochial Vicar St Josephs.

**Color Corp Commander:** SK Frank Atherton, PFN (In charge of the Color/Honor Guard)

Our Assembly's Officers' roles are the same as the Council, but the Assembly titles are different. Our Assembly refers to our Officers as "Faithful" versus "Worthy". Our Officer Corps does not include an Advocate, Chancellor or a Lecturer. The Admiral serves as an advisor to our Faithful Navigator, and if needed, he will perform the duties of an Advocate.

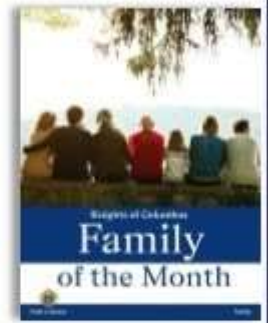
Faithful Navigators who have served for at least seven months during a fraternal year, are given a lifetime title of "PFN" (Past Faithful Navigator).



## 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.



### What Is The 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 just “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 month — 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. 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 and of 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 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](mailto:Ptabbita@apwu.org)



## Family of the Month— June 2023

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

### The Tanton Family



*Pictured: (left to right):* Kathy Richardson, Willow, Paul, and our Grand Knight Francis Abijaoude

Our Council’s Family of the Month committee has chosen the Tanton Family. Paul Tanton has been active at St Paul’s Parish since 1994. The St Paul’s parish staff attest Paul is willing to step up for any assignment. He serves as a lector, a member of the Disciples of Holy Eucharist, and a rosary leader. Like her dad, Paul, his daughter Willow, has been part of our St. Paul’s community. Willow received all of her sacraments at St Paul’s. She serves as an altar server, rosary leader, and like he dad is a member of the Disciples of Holy Eucharist. We also included Paul’s mother Kathy Richardson, who has helped in Willow’s faith formation, and has been part of the St Paul’s parish community for many years.

Paul Tanton and his daughter Willow along with Paul’s mother Kathy were introduced during our 9:30 am by our lector Jeanne Sours. They were blessed by our celebrant Father Bill, and our Grand Knight Francis Abijaoude presented their family of the month certificate and council gift..

## A “Call Out” to our St. Paul’s Ministers

During a Vatican conference in February, Pope Francis went on to list some of the many ways laypeople can participate in the life of the Church. Some of these items included performing some forms of preaching; collaborating with priests in the formation of children, young adults, seminarians, and religious novices; spiritual directing, preparing engaged couples for marriage, and accompanying married couples. He also went on to say, “The lay faithful are not ‘guests’ in the Church, they are at home, so they are called to take care of their own home,

As we all know, St Paul’s is currently struggling to find enough Liturgical Ministers to cover all Mass ōmes 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](mailto:drelly7@cox.net)

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**Ministry of Hospitality (Ushers):** David Sedlmeier, e-mail: [davidsedlmeier@yahoo.com](mailto:davidsedlmeier@yahoo.com)

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**Minister of Sacristan:** Frances D’Angelo, e-mail: [fdangelo@msn.com](mailto:fdangelo@msn.com)





## **S.E.T. Remains as Very IMPORTANT**

Well, it's that time of year when we need to remind all our Knights that they need to prepare to complete our Safe Environment training course for 2023-2024 after July 1st or ***as soon as the new material is available.***

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](mailto: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!

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### **2023 Arizona Rosary Celebration**



The Arizona State Council website has announced that planning for the 2023 Arizona Rosary Celebration is under way. This year's celebration will honor Mary under her title of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. The dates for the celebration are Saturday, October 14 in Tucson and Sunday, October 15, 2023 in Phoenix.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, or Virgin of Carmel, is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as patroness of the Carmelite Order, particularly within the Catholic Church. The very first Carmelites were Christian hermits living on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land during the late 12th to mid-13th century. They built in their hermitages a chapel which they dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, whom they conceived of in chivalric terms as the "Lady of the Place." Our Lady of Mount Carmel was adopted in the 19th century as the patron saint of Chile. Since the 15th century, popular devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel has centered on the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, also known as the Brown Scapular. Traditionally, Mary is said to have given the Scapular to an early Carmelite named Simon Stock (1165-1265).

The liturgical feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is celebrated on July 16th.



## **KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS—YOUR SHIELD FOR INSURANCE FOR LIFE**



### **Disability income insurance**

#### **What is it?**

Disability income insurance helps replace lost income when you are unable to work due to a disability resulting from an illness or accident.

#### **Who needs it?**

Disability income insurance helps protect your most important financial asset – your paycheck – so it should be an important part of every family's planning. Long-term disability is much more common than other unfortunate circumstances that are commonly covered by insurance. Consider the fact that you face a 1 in 100 risk of losing your home to a fire, but a 1 in 4 risk of suffering a long-term disability. Despite the odds and the prevalence of long-term disability – nearly 11 million Americans are receiving federal disability benefits – more than 100 million Americans are without private disability income insurance. In addition, any disability income insurance you may have through your employer may very well be insufficient or contingent on certain circumstances (like worker's compensation).

#### **How does it work?**

Knights of Columbus disability income insurance policies provide a monthly benefit amount over the course of a maximum benefit period (see below) designed to help replace the income that you would have otherwise received if you were able to work. You are free to use your disability income benefits in whatever way you see fit – just like you would with your own paycheck.

Knights of Columbus Disability Income policies also come with special features, such as the total, partial, or presumptive disability income benefits, which help protect against special circumstances. As an added bonus, our disability income insurance policies come with a waiver of premium provision, which waives your policy's premiums while you're suffering from a disability.

#### **What options do I have?**

##### **Benefit Period**

The maximum benefit period is the longest period for which monthly disability benefits are payable for any one period of a disability.

The benefit resets once the disability concludes. You may choose from:

2-Year – Protect your paycheck with two years of disability income payments.

5-Year – Protect your paycheck with five years of disability income payments.

To Age 67 – Protect all your working years with disability income payments until you reach retirement age.

##### **Monthly Benefit**

Working with your Knights of Columbus field agent, you establish the monthly benefit amount that the policy provides, based on your income and subject to certain limits.

##### **Elimination Period**

Disability income insurance policies come with an elimination period, which serves as your deductible or out-of-pocket amount. You can select a 30, 90, or 180-day elimination period, after which time your benefits will begin to be paid.

##### **Additional Features and Benefits**

A number of special features and benefits – often called riders – are available on Knights of Columbus disability income insurance products. For instance, the catastrophic disability rider provides an additional monthly benefit in the event of a catastrophic disability, and the cost of living adjustment rider helps your monthly benefit keep pace with inflation during a long-term disability.

Contact your Knights of Columbus field agent today to learn more about our disability income insurance products, and about the safety and security that we can help provide.



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**Birthdays—July 2023**

July 04	Stephen Alonge		July 10	Debbie Castellarin
July 05	Gilbert Flores		July 17	Irene Murphy
July 07	William Dougherty		July 18	Gerri Cook
July 08	Frederick Brandt		July 26	Nadine Swartz
July 09	Jim Doorley		July 28	Angie Talamantes
July 20	Terry McCormick			
July 22	Dale Hahne			
July 30	James Wayne			
July 30	Nathan Duncan			
July 31	Rene Talamantes			

**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**

**June**

2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Servers \_\_\_\_\_  
 EM \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lector \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adoration \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bingo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**July**

Officers' Installation \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Servers \_\_\_\_\_  
 EM \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lector \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adoration \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_



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



# July 2023

Covid  
RSV  Flu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Donut Sunday 	3	4 Independence Day 	5 General Meeting Conference Room 7:00 p.m. 	6	7	8
9 Rosary at Planned Parenthood 	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Officers' Meeting 7:00 p.m. Conference Room 	18	19	20 Assembly 1805 Meets at St. Joseph's 7:00 p.m. 	21	22
23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29

## Upcoming Events For July/August 2023

### July 2023

- July 04 Independence Day
- July 05 Membership Meeting, 6:30 p.m. and Installation of Officers 7:00 p.m. Conf. Center
- July 09 Rosary at Planned Parenthood
- July 17 Officers' Meeting 7 p.m. in Conference Room
- July 20 Assembly 1805 Meets at St. Joseph's 7:00 p.m.

### August 2023

- Aug. 02 Membership Meeting
- Aug. 13 Rosary at Planned Parenthood
- Aug. 17 Officers' Meeting 7 p.m. in Conference Room
- Aug. 21 Assembly 1805 Meets at St. Joseph's 7:00 p.m.

This applies to the Flu,  
RSV Virus and Covid!



**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 of 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, 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, Luis Torres, Mike Godwin and Jonathan Hauer.

Rest of the soul of Brother Charles Kime and Thomas Goss



*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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