

February 1, 2022

St. Blaise of Sebaste

St. Blaise was a physician and bishop of Sebastea in historical Armenia (modern Sivas, Turkey) who is venerated as a Christian saint and martyr. He is venerated as a saint in the Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox churches and is the patron saint of wool combers and throat disease. In the Latin Church, his feast falls on February 3rd; but in the Eastern Churches, it's on 11 February.

Blaise, who had studied philosophy in his youth, was a doctor in Sebaste in Armenia, the city of his birth, who exercised his art with miraculous ability, good-will, and piety. When the bishop of the city died, he was chosen to succeed him, with the acclamation of all the people. His holiness was manifest through many miracles: from all around, people came to him to find cures for their spirit and their body; even wild animals came in herds to receive his blessing.



From being a healer of bodily ailments, Saint Blaise became a physician of souls, then retired for a time to a cavern where he remained in prayer. When appointed as bishop of Sebastea, Blaise instructed his people as much by his example as by his words, and the great virtues and sanctity of the servant of God were attested to by many of the miracles that took place. From all parts, the people came flocking to him for the cure of bodily and spiritual ills. He is said to have healed animals (who came to the saint on their own for his assistance) and to have been assisted by animals.

In 316, the governor of Cappadocia and Lesser Armenia began a persecution by order of the Emperor Licinius, and Saint Blaise was seized. After his interrogation and a severe scourging, he was hurried off to the prison and subsequently beheaded. The idea of using candles for the blessing of throats stems from the candles that Blaise used while in prison. When an old woman's pig had been miraculously rescued from a wolf by Saint Blaise, she would visit him in prison, bringing him food and candles to bring him light in his dark cell.

Such crossed candles are used for the **blissing of throats** on his feast day, which falls on February 3rd, the day after Candlemas on the General Roman Calendar. Blaise is traditionally believed to intercede in cases of throat illnesses.

In 316, Agricola, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, having arrived in Sebastia at the order of the Emperor Licinius to kill Christians, he arrested the bishop. As he was being led to jail, a mother set her only son, choking to death on a fish-bone, at his feet, and the child was cured straight away. Regardless, the governor, unable to make Blaise renounce his faith, beat him with a stick, ripped his flesh with iron combs, and beheaded him.





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

**This is the desire
of the Supreme Knight.**

Can you help us make it happen?

Does your life sometimes feel like the movie "Groundhog Day"? I really hope not, but every once in a while, we may feel that we are on some sort of a treadmill and keep repeating the same thing over and over.

If you ever watched "Groundhog Day", then you will remember that the main character learned each time his day started over to try to do things differently. This then, can be the key to changing our own lives today or sometime in the future.

None of us are stuck in a position of doing things over and over. We can learn to embrace different ideas and attitudes about how we go about our lives. Prayer is an example. We may not think about doing the rosary each and every day; however, once we learn how to set up a time or activity that will help us remember to say thank you to our Blessed Virgin Mary, then we are on the right track. Of course, that is assuming that you are already praying to God at least once each day if not more often!

Being a member of the Knights of Columbus presents each of us with an opportunity to learn how to pray. We normally do this when we go to our meetings and open and close our meetings with prayer. Then our Lecturer may provide us with meditations or ideas to pray about and to consider those ideas by helping others.

But let's not become overly complacent in what we do. We can rest on our laurels but our work is not nearly done. We still have to encourage others to come help us with our works. This is also part of evangelization. We need to present to others the life that we are living and show them that being a Knight and a Christian is the ideal to try to attain.

So ask yourself, "are you going to become a groundhog or an enthusiastic member of the church and therefore by extension a better member of the Knights of Columbus"?

For Fraternal Year 2021-2022

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



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Brother Knights and families of Council 15001,

This past January saw two events which were quite significant for KOC nationally and our Church; but also for our local Council and Parish faith community. The two events were the March and Rally for Life and the celebration of the Conversion of St Paul, which we participated locally on January 23rd; the 46th anniversary of our Parish. I believe these two seemingly unrelated events are connected.

Patrick Kelly, Supreme Knight wrote an inspiring article in the Wall Street Journal this month entitled *What it Means to Be Pro-Life*, which I have extracted and reprinted in this Newsletter. This quote is the heart of his article, "What motivates the people who run and volunteer at these organizations? Love, hard as that may be to believe in these cynical times. Over the years I've met staff and volunteers driven by a deep affection for mothers and children. Being pro-life isn't an abstract concept; it's deeply personal and inherently connected with those they serve."

How does the Conversion of St Paul have anything to do with the Pro-Life movement? I believe that much like Saul inflicted severe wounds on the body of Christ and ultimately heard the words "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Acts 9:4., that today Heaven is crying out to our politicians, to our courts, to our society at large, "Why do you persecute me?" For you see, in Matthew's Gospel Jesus said "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Turning it around a bit one can imply that this is also true...Whatever you did to the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did to me. May God have mercy on all of us!

Now on to the event of the Feast of St Paul's Conversion and our Parish's 46th Anniversary celebration and PIG ROAST! WOW...it was amazing! Big thanks to all the Knights who helped that day—from holding the canopy and candles during the procession of St Paul's relic, to traffic control, purchasing the items for the pig roast, setting is all up, serving and clean up!! Approximately 250 parishioners participated in the festivities that afternoon.



We have a few Council 15001 signature events in the coming months that if possible you should plan on attending. Early in February our Council takes on the task of traffic control and parking for the annual Diocesan Men's Conference at Xavier Prep School and then shortly thereafter we take on the same tasks along with registration at the annual Desert Nun Run!! We are also heading into KOC Raffle season, our largest fundraiser of the year!!! Mike Aguilar has once again agreed to Captain this event, which he has done for the last several years. Mike's goal this year is an incredible \$12,000!!! Each year Mike keeps increasing our goal – and each year with his dedication and commitment along with your support our Council has reached our goal. I am confident this year will be no different!!!! Thanks in advance to all who will make this a successful raffle which in turn allows us to support many worthy charities...Proceeds from past raffles have supported Life Choice Women's Clinic, St. Vincent de Paul's local Conference, St Paul's parish picnic, Sunshine Soccer League, Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), the Boys Scouts Troop 916, the Seminarians and the Poor Clare Nuns.

Prayers for a very successful last half of our fraternal year!

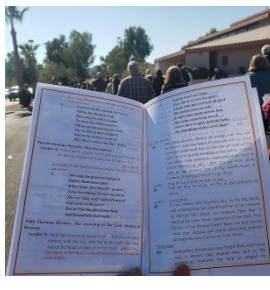
Vivat Jesus!
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ST. PAUL'S "PIG ROAST" FEAST DAY CELEBRATION HUGE SUCCESS

On Sunday, January 23rd, our parish celebrated our parish's patron saint, St. Paul, and the main ingredient that was featured was a "pig roast" meal that was enjoyed by 240-250 parishioners. The pig was roasted by parishioner "Boots" Bouterie. The accoutrements were furnished by the Knights, captained by Knight Fred Cosme—who catered the rest of the meal. First shift servers for the Knights were Greg Huelskamp, Ken Gentner, Tom Van Buren, Al Sindorf, Charley Billingsley, Shawn Swartz, and George Mendell. Relief servers were Francis Abijaoude, David Earl, Artie Hauer, Kirk LaPlante, Dan McGinn, Gary Schulte, and Jack Swartz. Helping in the kitchen was Al Gillis, who was also in charge of procurement.

Preceding the meal was a procession around the parish campus while reciting the rosary. Knights leading the procession which included exposure of the relic of St. Paul carried by Assistant Chaplain Fr. Ishaya Samaila, were candle bearers PGKs Tom Nash and Gary Schulte. Carriers of the canopy covering Fr. and the relic were GK Kirk LaPlante, DGK Francis Abijaoude, PGKs Richard Diefendorf and Jack Swartz. Mike Aguilar was in charge of sound equipment. Ted Cherekos in charge of directing the group around the campus. Knights in the choir were Mike Abbott and Frank Dzielak. Fr. Bruno led the entourage. John VanCuyk and Charley Billingsley directed traffic, Alberto Vela videoed the event among many other duties. Other participants were Nelson Mayo and Don Kolb as Lector. Other Knights sighted at the event were Steve Alonge, Fred Brandt, Jim Cairo, Butch Cook, Craig Cullity, Gary DeGregario, Manuel Flores, Scott Kasallis, Ken Long, Jim MacDonald, Peter Nguyen, Ray Rossetti, Ruperto Salinas, Joe Schumacher, Jim Soderlund, Jerry Surdakowski, James Wayne, Roel Zamora and Scott Ziebarth. A total of 47 Knights participated. *(Thanks to Mary Hauer for providing these pictures)*



What It Means to Be Pro-Life

Faith-driven pregnancy resource centers are becoming more prominent.

By Patrick E. Kelly

Jan. 20, 2022 6:30 pm ET

Hundreds of thousands of pro-life advocates will gather in Washington on Friday for the annual March for Life. Every year it is one of the biggest demonstrations in the nation's capital, but some of the movement's most dedicated members won't be there. They'll be where they usually are, day in and day out—at pregnancy resource centers caring for mothers and children, born and unborn.

Pregnancy resource centers have existed since before the Supreme Court ruled on *Roe v. Wade* nearly 50 years ago, but their numbers have soared since abortion on demand was declared a constitutional right. Between 2,500 and 4,000 centers exist nationwide, supporting millions of pregnant and new mothers every year. Many if not most are faith-based.

What motivates the people who run and volunteer at these organizations? Love, hard as that may be to believe in these cynical times. Over the years I've met staff and volunteers driven by a deep affection for mothers and children. Being pro-life isn't an abstract concept; it's deeply personal and inherently connected with those they serve. They believe that every life, every soul, has worth and value. While people from a range of religions are involved, Christians are motivated by Christ's words from the Gospel of Matthew: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Whatever their religious tradition, the faithful have built these centers from the ground up. They give their time, talent and treasure to support expectant mothers' needs, including medical care such as testing and ultrasounds, diapers, formula and infant onesies. Every day, churches drop off checks and boxes of goods at their doorsteps. Volunteers show up on weekends and weekdays alike to stock shelves, enter data, hand out cribs and car seats, listen to mothers and fathers baring their souls, and pray with those struggling to choose life. The result is often a lifelong relationship and support for children—and even a conversion for entire families.

Many people call these organizations "crisis" pregnancy centers. The phrase is too limiting, but it speaks to a profound truth. When a teenage girl discovers she's pregnant, when an expecting mom escapes her abusive boyfriend, when a single mother has no money for diapers, these centers take them in. Seemingly unbearable situations become hopeful through tender care, comforting words, and abundant generosity.

It's nearly impossible to know how many mothers have been helped and babies saved thanks to these centers, though the number could be in the millions. Yet as any of their staff would tell you, they haven't saved enough. At least 62 million babies have been aborted since *Roe*, and every pregnancy resource center employee and volunteer is fighting to prevent that number from rising.

Their work to show expectant mothers the humanity of their children through ultrasounds is especially powerful. (The Knights of Columbus, which I lead, this week placed our 1,500th ultrasound machine in a pregnancy resource center, in New Brunswick, N.J.) When it comes to helping parents choose life, few things are more powerful than the sight of their unborn child. Abortion's defenders tend to denounce these centers. The Guttmacher Institute, formerly affiliated with Planned Parenthood, complains they are "typically staffed by volunteers and employees who lack medical training and licensure." It's a strange criticism from those for whom a "successful" medical procedure always ends in the death of a human being. In any case, it misses the point. The people who work at these centers serve the whole person—medically, financially, emotionally and spiritually. That's something no abortion clinic can do, and it helps explain why their numbers are dwindling while the number of pregnancy resource centers grows.

Such centers are likely to become even more prominent with time. Along with everyone participating in the March for Life, their staff and volunteers are hoping and praying the Supreme Court overturns *Roe* in the *Dobbs* case later this year. Such a decision would empower states to restrict abortion and protect unborn life—something that 61% of Americans support, based on new Marist polling sponsored by the Knights of Columbus—and that means more mothers and children will be in need of love and support. Pregnancy resource centers will be there.

Mr. Kelly is Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus.

PP Rosary Sunday January 9, 2021

While many toil in the vineyards of the Lord, there is always an opening for others to come and participate with us at the second Saturday Rosary at Planned Parenthood. For the rest of this Year, make it your plan to put forth the effort to come help us pray to stop the needless loss of lives for the unborn. Let the New Year bring forth new life!



REMINDER

Council Membership Payment for 2022 Are Due

As a reminder, your Council Dues statement of \$36 per member was mailed to all eligible members of Council 15001 on December 15 and to date 70 members have responded and we thank them for their promptness; however, we again urge all who have not yet responded to try to do so before the end of February if possible.

Send your dues check to: Jack Swartz, Financial Secretary , 625 W. Gibraltar Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85023.



[Men's Conference - February 2, 2022](#)



The next Men's Conference will be held at Xavier High School on February 2, 2022.

The Catholic Mens' Fellowship of Phoenix is still the lead organization for the event.

Steve Pettit is requesting our Council to help them with the parking detail as we have done in years past and like years past. Those members who are buying tickets and VOLUNTEERING will receive priority up front seating.

The hyperlink to the CMFP website to purchase tickets is found by copy the link and pasting into your browser: <https://www.cmfp.org/index>

Al Gillis's email address for members to email him is (adgillis2728@gmail.com) once they buy tickets and are willing to volunteer for the parking detail.

[Nun Run Report](#)

By: Al Gillis

I plan to report during the next 3 general meetings on the Nun Run of March 3, 2022

The event is a go and the Sisters are looking forward to our Council being an integral part of the event as we have been for 10 years. We have a lot of new members who need to learn about the nuts and bolts of the event and I will explain what it is all about and what we be able to help doing at the run. Hopefully this will get the excitement going in order to provide the nuns with 35+ volunteers as we have always done in the past.

Let's mark the date of March 5, 2022 at Kiwanis Park, when we gather at 5:30 a.m. We will follow up with more information.

Al Gillis will be continue the sign-up sheet at the February meeting as we will be within 30 days of the event.

[13th Annual Nun Run - March 5th, 2022](#)



[About the Nun Run](#)

The Nun Run is an annual fundraising event to support Our Lady of Solitude Monastery and the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration in the Diocese of Phoenix. This race is for the novice runner and the competitive racer alike. It is a family-friendly event.

The Nun Run is our biggest annual fundraiser... and also the most successful, thanks to YOU! Your participation is greatly appreciated! Your support moves us one step closer to realizing our dream of building a cloistered monastery in the heart of the Arizona desert.

[2022 Life March and Rally](#)

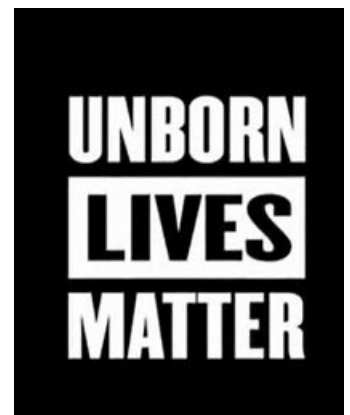
The photo shown is of PGK/Fin. Sec. Jack Swartz, his wife, and Mary Hauer (wife of Outside Guard Artie Hauer) participating in the annual March for Life in Phoenix which was held on Saturday, Jan. 15. The march was honored to have Coretta King, daughter of Martin Luther King Jr., as one of the main speakers, as well as Phoenix diocese Bishop Tom Olmsted.

This event was hosted by the Arizona Life Coalition, which is an organization that helps unifies and activates the community of organizations dedicated to the sanctity of human life. This energizing, family-friendly, and bilingual pro-life event, featured Coretta King, Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted and Karyme Lozano, the famous Latina actress and advocate for Life.

We thank those who were able to Join us on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 7th Avenue and Washington Street in downtown Phoenix from 10:30 - 11:15 am.



FAMILY



Past Grand Knights Annual Meeting held January 16

Council 15001 may be unique in that it holds a Past Grand Knights annual meeting every January. This tradition began about six years ago with the specific purpose of offering advice and ideas to the current Grand Knight and to assist him in any and every way needed. The meeting was graciously hosted by PGK Tom Russell at his home with a luncheon.

Attending this year were: PGK Gary Schulte (2010-2011), PGK Al Gillis (2012-2013), PGK Jack Swartz (2013-2014), PGK John Blome (2015-2016), PGK Tom Nash (2016-2017), PGK Richard Diefendorf (2017-2018, and 2019-2020), PGK Tom Russell (2018-2019), current GK Kirk LaPlante (2019-2020, 2021-2022) and DGK Francis Abijaoude.

In addition to reviewing the current fraternal year, both past and for the remainder of the term, the PGKs discussed potential candidates to fill the slate of Officers for the coming year.

PGK Gary Schulte (2010-2011)



PGK Al Gillis (2012-2013)



PGK Jack Swartz (2013-2014)



PGK John Blome (2015-2016)



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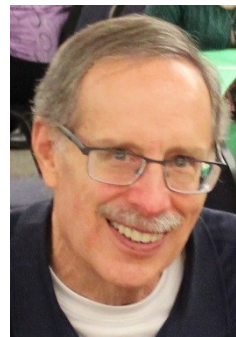
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PGK Tom Russell (2018-2019)



Current GK Kirk LaPlante (2019-2020, 2021-2022)



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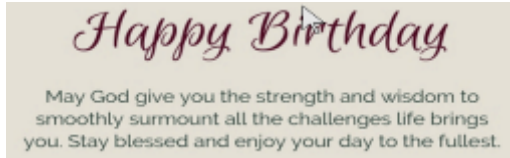
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Birthdays—February 2022

February 01	Michael Hobaica
February 03	Tom Russell
February 04	William O'Connell
February 10	James Soderlund
February 12	Tom Van Buren
February 22	Michael Carney
February 25	Luis Samudio
February 26	David Earl



February 04	Sharon Gibson
February 17	Irene Murphy



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

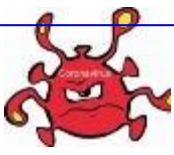
Our Knights In Action

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

<h3><u>January</u></h3>
2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary _____
Donut Sunday _____
Servers _____
EM _____
Lector _____
Adoration _____
Feast Day Celebration _____
Other _____

<h3><u>February</u></h3>
Priests' Appreciation Dinner _____
Men's Conference Parking _____
Raffle Ticket Sales _____
2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary _____
Donut Sunday _____
Servers _____
EM _____
Lector _____
Adoration _____
Other _____



February



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Ground hog Day  General Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m. In Conference Room	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Rosary at Planned Parenthood & Diocesan Men's Conference 
13 Donut Sunday 	14 St. Valentine's Day 	15	16	17	18	19
20	21  Officers' Meeting 7:00 p.m. In Parish Conference Room	22	23	24	25 Priests' Appreciation Dinner 	26
27 Donut Sunday 	28					

Upcoming Events For February 2022/March 2022

- Feb. 02 General Membership O'Carroll Hall/Groundhog Day
- Feb. 12 Planned Parenthood Rosary/Diocesan Men's Conference
- Feb. 13 Donut Sunday
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb. 21 Officers' Meeting
- Feb. 25 Priests' Appreciation Dinner
- Feb. 27 Donut Sunday
- Mar. 02 Lent Begins
- Mar. 05 Nun Run
- Mar. 09 General Membership O'Carroll Hall
- Mar. 12 Planned Parenthood Rosary
- Mar. 13 Corporate Mass
- Mar. 20 Donut Sunday
- Mar. 21 Officers' Meeting
- Mar. 27 Donut Sunday/Blood Drive



When the chance arises



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 Brothers or their relatives:*

Fr. Gregory Schlarb, Father Bitrus Maigamo, Mike & Chris Murphy, Rick Razzano, Bill Hintze, Colin Russell, Cecile Calderon, Ave Marie Leonard, Diane Russell, Rebecca Cairo and Grae Fischer (young daughter of Brother Knight Ed Fischer) .

Also, Lara Lee Gaudio, (part of the State Culture of Life Chair Couple) and the wife of our State Life Director .
Repose of the souls of Carol Dzielak and Thai Nguyen son of fellow Knight Peter and his wife le Nguyen.

*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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