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## November 1, 2021

### *The Day of the Dead*

(Spanish: Día de Muertos or Día de los Muertos) is a holiday celebrated on the 1st and 2nd of November. It originated and is mostly observed in Mexico but also in other places, especially by any people of Mexican heritage elsewhere.

Although also associated with the Catholic celebrations of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, it has a less solemn tone and is portrayed as a holiday of joyful celebration rather than mourning.

The multi-day holiday also involves family and friends gathering to pay respects and to remember friends and family members who have died.

These celebrations can also take a humorous tone, as some celebrants remember funny events and unusual anecdotes about the departed.

The traditions connected with the holiday include honoring all of the deceased using calaveras and aztec marigold flowers which are known as cempazúchitl, and building home altars called ofrendas with some of the favorite foods and beverages of the departed, and visiting graves with these items also as gifts for the deceased.

The celebration is not solely focused on the dead, as it is also common to give gifts to friends such as candy sugar skulls, to share traditional pan de muerto with family and friends, and to write light-hearted and often irreverent verses in the form of mock epitaphs dedicated to living friends and acquaintances, a literary form known as calaveras literarias.





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Council 15001

Your Officers for 2021-2022

- Grand Knight.....Kirk LaPlante
- Chaplain.....Fr. Dindo “Bruno” Cuario
- Asst. Chaplain.....Fr. Ishaya Samaila
- Deputy Grand Knight.Francis Abijaoude
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- Knights Website.....John Blome, PGK

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

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

**Can you help us make it happen?**

Welcome to All Saints Day. We also acknowledge that tomorrow will be All Souls Day. So what does that means to us today? In the Mormon religion, all members are called saints. When onboard an aircraft, the pilot reports souls on board if the Air Traffic Controller needs to know the number of people on the plane.

So why is All Saints Day and All Souls Day important to us? Well, simply put, it is the time for us all to reflect on those who have gone before us to their eternal reward and for us to acknowledge their passing and remember them always.

On All Saints' Day there's a call to live as saints, to remind us how we're supposed to live. On All Souls' Day, we're talking about all souls and asking God's mercy for them.

So, how can we begin to practice what All Saints Day asks of us? Well, so many of us already are doing what we all should be doing—living lives dedicated toward our Lord and God. We do good things or works and we strive towards helping others. As Knights we often do things that may seem simple but are noticed and are important. Donut Sundays may just seem like a social event, but in reality it is more that that. It is a community event that provides a means for our Catholic brothers and sisters to come together after Mass and share some food and drink and talk to each other. Communications is an important item in most of our lives, but it is a more important link to those who are lonely and may not have a lot of social interaction.

Parish picnics, bingo, dinners and so many things we do as Knights are important to us to continue with our Unity through our Charity and provides a method to teach others about our Catholic Faith. We are sharing our love with others and want to provide for their happiness and have a better understanding of some of their needs. Being a Knight is about being active—actively helping others.

So, as we go about our daily lives, let’s all of us think about what we are doing to help others and to advance our Catholic heritage and provide others with some of the opportunities to help others. Don’t ever say “I wish I could do that...”. Instead, ask a Brother Knight how you can learn to do that which you wish you could do. You will be glad to learn another facet of Unity and that is Fraternalism. We are all a group of Brothers coming together to form Unity through our Charity.

**For Fraternal Year 2021-2022**

**The State Theme is:  
Defender of the Faith**



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## Grand Knight's Column



Grand Knight  
Kirk LaPlante

Brother Knights and families of Council 15001,

At least for me it is nice to get back to some of our "standard" KOC Council 15001 events! Those define us as a Council, and enable us to be valuable and consistent contributors to our Brothers, our Parish and our community.

The Arizona Rosary Celebration was once again another very great success and how could it not be just that, given it was captained by our Worthy and capable Chancellor Dan McGinn.

I'm anticipating the Parish Picnic is going to be AMAZING...lots of much needed social interaction, both between our Brothers, between Brothers and our parishioners and between parishioners. Boy, this is going to feel GOOD!!!!

Our Council received a very nice compliment from Wes Casaus, our Worthy Field Agent. He mentioned that Council 15001 is looked at very favorably at the State level for keeping active during last year's COVID lockdowns and coming out on the other end in good shape. Our Council is considered a model Council.

This was not only a compliment to you, our current members, but also to each of the past Grand Knights, starting with Gary Schulte, our Council's first GK. Today's Council is very much a reflection of the 9 PGK's who preceded me. They have given us our identity! Their fingerprint is on everything we do. After Gary's term, Jim Doorley picked up the ball, then Al Gillis, Jack Swartz, Greg Vanek, John Blome, Richard Diefendorf, Tom Nash, Tom Russell and finally circling back for a second term Dief. We owe this collective group our gratitude.

You might have heard the phrase; we should plant trees from which others will enjoy the shade. These 9 Brothers planted the tree from which we today are enjoying the shade. And for me personally there are a couple that deserve mention, PKG/Trustee Dief as my mentor and DGK Francis; both have been invaluable in keeping our momentum going. However, there is one among this worthy group of Knights that deserves all the credit for holding us together through the COVID trials last year and that's PGK/Financial Secretary Jack Swartz. Jack works tirelessly on all things KoC. KoC Council 15001 is Jack's ministry and passion. I am beyond grateful for this dedicated Knight, for his service and friendship!

As we pick up speed into November and December, we have several events that I am particularly looking forward to. One such event that is new for us is a Memorial Mass at 9:30 AM on Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup>. This offers a great way to remember our Brother Knights who have gone before us. There is no better way to honor their past services to the Knights than for us to remember them at Holy Mass.

Vivat Jesus!

Kirk LaPlante, GK  
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***Is there a greater calling than to serve your fellow men?***

There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow men.

There is no greater contribution than to help the weak.

There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well.

Quote by: Walter Reuther

## Rosary in the Park

Fifty-three faithful turned out for “Rosary in the Park” on Saturday morning, October 16th.

The event was chaired by Terra Billingsley, wife of Recorder Charley Billingsley and was held in Moon Valley Park adjacent to St. Paul’s campus. It was attended by 13 Knights: DGK Francis Abijaoude, Charley Billingsley, Gary DeGregario, Ed Fischer, GK Kirk LaPlante, PGK Tom Nash, Father Ishaya Samalia, PGK Gary Schulte, PGK Jack Swartz, Tom Van Buren, Alberto Vela, Roel Zamora, and Mark Orcelletto, FN of Assembly 1805.



## **Council 15001 Has Been Active During Covid-19**

St. Paul's Knights of Columbus Council 15001 is made up of more than 100 men of the parish, who take leadership roles in many of the parish's activities.

Among many of the activities of the Council we are taking the lead in the annual Parish Picnic, annually cleaning the parish campus, putting up and taking down the parish Christmas lights and church decorations, hosting over a dozen Donut Sundays annually for the parishioners, conducting Blood Drives, financially supporting the parish Boy Scouts, as well as holding a very elegant High Tea for the ladies of the parish. Additionally the Council supports the Sunshine Soccer League for several disabled children, the Poor Clare Nuns of Tonopah and their Nun Run, the diocesan Seminary Nazareth House, St. Vincent de Paul, the Phoenix Women's Clinic and every month prays for the end to abortions at the local Planned Parenthood facility. Most of the members are also active in the activities of the many other parish Councils and groups.

The Council meets the first Wednesday of each month on campus. Men over 18 years of age are invited to inquire in the parish office about joining the Knights of Columbus. The Council meets the first Wednesday of each month on campus.



Our bartenders for the AZ Rosary Celebration dinner in O'Carroll Hall.  
PGK Dief Diefendorf, PGK Jack Swartz, Artie Hauer and GK Kirk LaPlante

## **Donut Sunday Active Once Again!**

During the month of November, the Knights will have two donut Sundays, November 7<sup>th</sup>, and November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Let's all cozy up to the fire pit and enjoy the camaraderie with your fellow Knights and friends while enjoying a donut, coffee, milk or juice.

To help celebrate the Ministry Fair on November 7th, your Council will be serving the parishioners at St. Paul's free donuts, coffee, milk or juice. Come on by and get your free donut and drink while visiting all the different ministries.

Help keep St. Paul's a great family parish and enjoy the fair, free donuts and the warmth of the fire and laughs with the knights while choosing your ministry.





Hello St. Paul! It is time to gather up all of your confidential documents that need to be securely shredding. THIS SATURDAY morning at 8am-noon, the Women's guild will have the truck ready and waiting. Pull up and we will unload your car. Donations only.



Shown in this picture are Knights who showed up for the Women's Guild Shredder event on Saturday morning, Oct. 9:

**Jack Swartz, Manuel Flores, Alberto Vela, Artie Hauer, Fred Cosme, GK Kirk LaPlante, Don Kolb, David Earl, and DGK Francis Abijaoude.** (Those in **bold** actually worked on the project!).



## FUNERAL MASS FOR SIBLING BROTHER OF FR. BITRUS WAS WELL ATTENDED BY COUNCIL 15001 KNIGHTS

Sir Knight James Maigamo, the brother of Father Bitrus, recently passed away in Africa.

A special memorial mass was held at St. Paul's on October 5th. The Mass was attended by at least 24 Knights: Mike Abbott, Francis Abijaoude, Reggie Alilonu, Steve Alonge, Charley Billingsley, Fred Cosme, Craig Cullity, Gary DeGregorio, Frank Dzielak, Don Kolb, Kirk LaPlante, Nelson Mayo, Tom Nash, Tom Russell, Fr. Samalia, Fr. Bruno, Fr. Bitrus, Al Sindorf, Jack Swartz, Tom Van Buren, John Van Cuyk, Alberto Vela, and from St. Luke's Mark Orcelletto and Tom Roggenkamp.

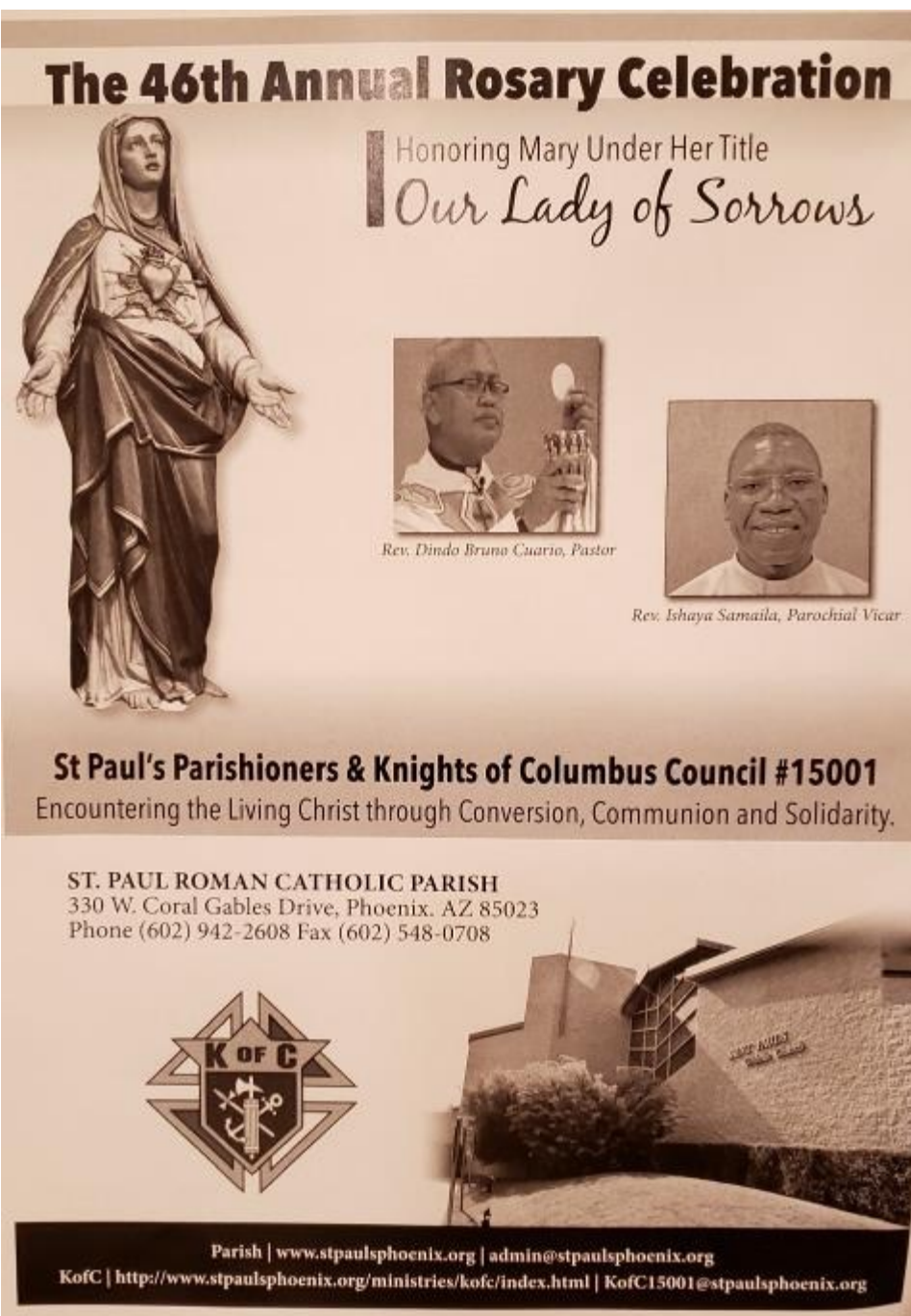
Fr. Bitrus is also a Knight who is assigned to St. Paul's while he is waiting for a possible kidney transplant. His brother, James, who was a 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knight of St. Mulumba in Nigeria, died unexpectedly at the age of 67.

## AZ Rosary Celebration

Council 15001 strongly supported the AZ Rosary Celebration at the Phoenix Civic Center on October 17th by sponsoring a full page ad in the program (with our parish) and by providing a "free" bus for members, and included our parishioners, to ride to and from the all-afternoon program.

Chancellor Dan McGinn was in charge of this event for our Council.

A total of 24 persons rode the bus and attended the event. We also had 2 of our past PGK's, Al Gillis and Dief Diefendorf serving as ushers, while our own Pastor and Council Chaplain Fr. Bruno led one of the decades of the rosary that was recited at the very conclusion of the event.



**The 46th Annual Rosary Celebration**

Honoring Mary Under Her Title  
*Our Lady of Sorrows*

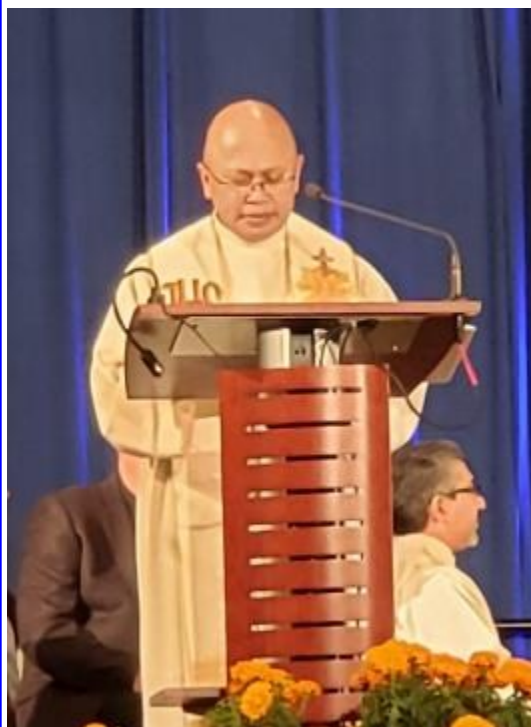
*Rev. Dindo Bruno Cuario, Pastor*

*Rev. Ishaya Samaila, Parochial Vicar*

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**Deceased Knights Of Council 15001 Since Inception March 17, 2010**

Ross Thompson	2012		John Bagley	2017	
Jim Cassidy	2013		Tom Callan	2017	
Mike Replogle	2014		Fr. Bob Binta	2018	
Amando Trillo	2014		Jim Pettit	2019	
Milford Naseman	2015		Joe Gray	2020	
John Cummings	2016		Larry Mackin	2020	
Dick Kuehn	2016		Bill Porter	2020	
Pat McDonald	2016		Robert Kerrigan	2021	
James Gordon	2016		Roger Madrid	2021	
Jon Weaver	2016		Erne Weege	2021	
			John Connery	2021	

## **Council 15001 K OF C SHIRTS AVAILABLE**

If any members of St. Paul's Knights of Columbus Council 15001 needs a Council shirt (navy blue, short sleeved, K of C logo), our Financial Secretary Jack Swartz has an inventory as follows:

- 4 Extra Large with pocket
- 1 Extra Large, no pocket
- 2 Large with pocket
- 1 Large, no pocket
- 1 Medium, no pocket

These shirts are available for \$25 each; just contact Jack!

## **Parish Picnic 2021**

We Came—We Saw—We—Bar-B-Q'd  
(No prisoners were taken)

## **ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC**

Over 220 St. Paul's parishioners enjoyed a fun day of activities and eating on Sunday, October 31st, Halloween day at the revived annual parish picnic. Deputy Grand Knight Francis Abijaoude coordinated the many activities of the day which was attended by 62 members of Council 15001, including the following: Michael Abbott, Francis Abijaoude, Jim Abraham, Mike Aguilar, Steve Alonge, Charley Billingsley, Fred Brandt, Jim Cairo, Andre Cerna, Ted Cherekos, Butch Cook, Fred Cosme, our Chaplain Fr. Bruno, Craig Cullity, Ed Cunningham, Gary DeGregorio, Richard Diefendorf, Nate Duncan, Frank Dzielak, David Earl, Ed Fischer, Manuel Flores, Jim Gentner, Jim Gibson, Al Gillis, Tom Goss, Wayne Granger, Artie Hauer, Greg Huelskamp, Tom Karl, Scott Kasallis, Don Kolb, Kirk LaPlante, Ken Long, Nelson Mayo, Dan McGinn, George Mendell, Tom Nash, Larry O'Brien, Steve Pettit, Ray Rossetti, Tom Russell, Ruperto Salinas, Fr. Ishaya, Luis Samudio, Gary Schulte, Al Sindorf, Rick Smith, Tommy Smith, Shawn Smith, Jim Soderlund, Jack Swartz, Shawn Swartz, Phil Tabbita, Chris Theut, Tom Van Buren, John Van Cuyk, Tony Vechiola, Alberto Vela, Mike Wagner, and Roel Zamora.

In addition to DGK Abijaoude coordinating the whole event, other Knights in charge of certain portions of the picnic included Al Gillis in purchasing of the food products consumed, Steve Pettit of the cooking, Jack Swartz of the servers, and Fred Cosme of the kitchen. Of the outside activities Ruperto Salinas handled the children's activities. Artie and Mary Hauer arranged for some outstanding musical talent to entertain all during the luncheon period.

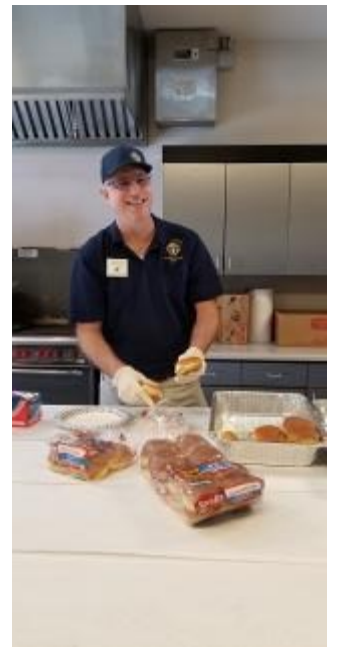
A very special presentation was made to one of our top Knights. The first awarding of the Joe Gray Memorial Achievement Award for the highest sales total for the state raffle in our Council went to PGK Rich "Dief" Diefendorf for leading all sales people in the 2021 raffle sales.

All in all it was a most successful event even though the total attendance was down from previous years. We had more Knights in attendance than at any other event since the pandemic started.



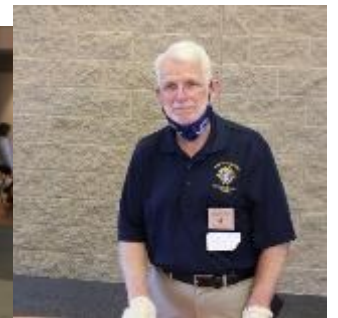
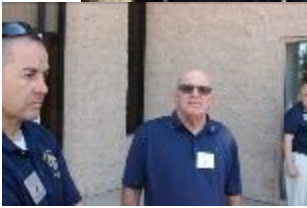
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As always, Boy Scout Troop 916 is so important to this parish.





***Establishing A New Council Award***  
***"The Joe Gray Memorial Charity Raffle Achievement Award"***

A new award has been established during 2021 with the presentation to the first recipient Richard "Dief" Diefendorf, PGK who garnered this prestigious award. His dynamic energy during the charity donation event for the Arizona State Council and their annual raffle has been truly outstanding and his recognition is well deserved.



As Dief would most likely say himself: *"I am so deeply gratified and humbled by this award and realize that the greatest of all raffle sales people of all times for Arizona Knights has always been Joe Gray. I am so honored to be recognized as someone considered worthy of his stature."*

## **Rosary Sunday Was Important To Us All**

Rosary Sunday is an annual event that is significant to all Knights. It is a time to bring out our Rosary and meet with members of our church or Brother Knights. It is a time of reflection and a chance to rededicate ourselves to our Lady, Mother Mary!

The annual event is a chance to rejuvenate our souls, lift up our spirits and remind us all that we have a limited time here on Earth and that we must do as much good as we possibly can for ourselves and our loved ones.

Likewise, I try to at least annually contact all the Knights for whom I am their agent for insurance and financial needs.

Here is some good news for those who are thinking about retiring or are retired.

### **Knights Of Columbus Launches New Life Insurance Product Protector Universal Life-Guaranteed Product Offers Affordability And Flexibility**

Best's Review of Top 50 U.S. Life/Health Insurer announced the launch of its Protector NLG Universal Life insurance product. This product provides affordable guaranteed lifetime coverage\*, flexible premium payment options and a low-cost guaranteed death benefit\* that will ensure future obligations are met. The benefit protection includes a Lapse Protection Rider, as well. While guaranteeing death benefit coverage\*, the Protector NLG Universal Life insurance product features flexibility in the premium payment ability: from allowing shorter payment periods; the stopping and re-starting of premium payments; to the ability to lower premiums by paying up to age 100. A Lapse Protection Rider is automatically attached at issue and can ensure lifetime death benefit protection as long as this rider is active.

Ron Franzluebbers, senior vice president and chief actuary of K of C, said, "Protector NLG Universal Life is a niche product designed for those approaching or above retirement age, who do not need a traditional whole life contract with cash value accumulation but want to ensure that they have affordable death benefit coverage for their entire lifetime."

Protector NLG Universal Life is available for purchase in the United States and Canada for individuals between 50 and 80 years old. More information about the Knights of Columbus insurance program can be found here: [www.kofc.org/insurance](http://www.kofc.org/insurance).

#### **Further Information: Please contact your insurance agent.**

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8,337 To Go!

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Welcome to the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona's Wreaths Across America Page.

On December 18, 2021 at 10:00 am, Wreaths Across America will be at National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

If you have special requests, please contact our volunteer Location Coordinator to make those arrangements.

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Go to [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org)

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Thank you so much for supporting National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona and Wreaths Across America!



Photos from past years. Please consider joining us!

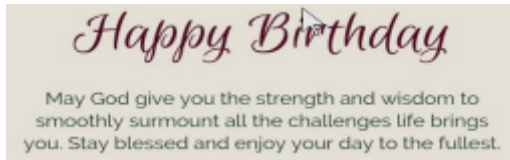


## Birthdays—December 2021

December 02	Paul Wooley
December 03	Thomas Smith
December 05	Joe Schumacher
December 10	Joel Glynn
December 14	Ray Rossetti
December 18	Bill Miller
December 19	Thomas Long
December 23	Larry O'Brien
December 24	Richard Higgins
December 26	Peter Nguyen
December 28	Charles Kime



December 02	Jackie Gentner
December 07	Kim Doorley
December 15	Bernie Hintze
December 31	Wilma Mayo



**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

#### November

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

#### December

Outdoor Lighting \_\_\_\_\_  
 Christmas Altar/Church Decorating \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donut Sunday \_\_\_\_\_  
 Servers \_\_\_\_\_  
 EM \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lector \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adoration \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_



# December 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 General Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m. In Conference Room	2	3	4 Outside Lights Setup Council 15001 Annual Christmas Pizza Social
7	8 Officers' Meeting 7:00 p.m. In Parish Conference Room	9	10	11	12	13  Rosary at Planned Parenthood
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Decorate the main Church for Christmas
	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28 Donut Sunday	29	30				

## Upcoming Events For November/December 2021

- Nov. 3 General Membership Meeting, Conf.Rm., and signing up/Paying for Christmas Party
- Nov. 6-7 Ministry Weekend
- Nov. 7 Donut Sunday
- Nov. 13 Rosary at Planned Parenthood
- Nov. 15 Officers' Meeting
- Nov. 21 Memorial Mass 9:30 a.m./Blood Drive Conference Room
- Nov. 25 Thanksgiving
- Nov. 28 Donut Sunday

When the chance arises



- Dec. 01 General Membership Meeting, Conf.Rm.
- Dec. 04 Christmas lights on campus
- Dec. 04 KofC Annual Christmas Pizza Social
- Dec. 08 Officers' Meeting
- Dec. 11 Planned Parenthood Rosary
- Dec. 20 Decorate main church

**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:*

David Earl, Gary & Dema Schulte, Father Bitrus Maigamo, Mike & Chris Murphy, Rick Razzano, Bill Hintze, Colin Russell, Cecile Calderon, Ave Marie Leonard, Diane Russell, Carol Dzielak, Mary Weege, Rebecca Cairo, Rick Garrison and his daughter Sarah and Thai Nguyen son of fellow Knight Peter and his wife le Nguyen and Grace Fischer (young daughter of Brother Knight Ed Fischer) .

*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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