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The Assumption of Mary or the title “**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**” is, according to the beliefs of the Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodox Churches, Oriental Orthodoxy, Church of the East and some Lutheran and Anglo-Catholic Churches, among others, the bodily taking up of Mary, the mother of Jesus, into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. The analogous feast in the Eastern Churches is known as the Dormition of the Theotokos or "the Falling Asleep of the Mother of God". One should note that the New Testament contains no explicit narrative about the death or dormition, nor of the Assumption of Mary, but several scriptural passages have been theologically interpreted to describe the ultimate fate in this and the afterworld of the Mother of our Lord Jesus.



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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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Recorder.....Charley Billingsley
Advocate.....Gary Schulte, PGK
Treasurer.....Jim Cairo
Warden.....Nelson Mayo
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Outside Guard (1)..... ..Artie Hauer
Outside Guard (2).....Fred Cosme
Lecturer.....Gary DeGregorio

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

**This is the desire of the Supreme
Knight.
Can you help us**

Are you a prophet? Well, in ways we are all prophets if we are practical Catholics and faithful people to our God. Basically, to be a prophet, you have to speak and proclaim what you hear from God, and not just promote your own ideas. If you want to be a prophet of God, then you have to learn to hear His voice and follow His instructions and by sharing His message in the way He tells you.

In many ways, as Knights we are already doing some of the ways and will of our Lord and God. We do good works and take time to evangelize. Just by showing own good attitude and prayerful life we can help others to take note and try to become like or emulate us. That is the key—become more like God in holiness!

Right now, with the ending of the pandemic, we as a Council will soon be back to doing some of the normal things we have done in the past. We will have more dinners and help the seminarians as well as the nuns in Tonopah. But, will we remember that God was the reason the pandemic is ending for us? I hope that we learn from the lessons he has taught us—be loving and kind and also help one another!

Yes, Brothers, helping one another through our works, doing ministries within the church, helping others in the community and providing acts of Charity are some of the things we must strive to achieve and improve upon.

The idea of serving donuts may seem like such a trite or small thing; however, it is showing our love for our parishioners that we are willing to serve them in any small way to share our brotherhood and community involvement. It's our love of one another that we display. We will actually can and do impress the youth by our willingness to help each other and do it with a smile on our face.

Smiling costs nothing. Well, a little exercise in moving some muscles in your face, but otherwise it is a voluntary action that can make others feel great about us as well as themselves. Let's not forget the lessons we have learned over the past 16 months and that is that we are all resilient. We have shown that working together we continued to do work within our parish and community for our good and the good of others. So, put on a happy face and go out and prophesize to others that our Lord and God is there to love and help us.

For Fraternal Year 2021-2022

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

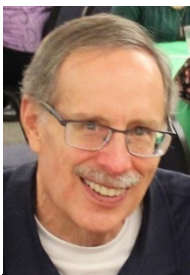


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Grand Knight's Column



Grand Knight
Kirk LaPlante

Brother Knights and families of Council 15001,

As many of you know, I recently lost my brother-in-law, Bill Bailey. His passing was a huge shock. Bill seemingly was in excellent health, 63 years old, no current medical conditions and yet he died of a heart attack while sleeping.

My sister Janie is devastated—as you would expect. Fortunately, Bill and Janie always have had a large network of family and friends, who will now become Janie's support network as she goes through the grieving process. The most important two aspects of that network are obviously her family, but equally important is her church community.

Reflecting about Bill's passing, it was like I picked up the remote control during a movie and pressed "pause", and then after a break pressed "play" and instantly the movie continued, but now without one of the main characters. As I shared this tragedy with my sister, we pressed "pause" and the world seemed to stop. Then, a few days after the funeral services we pressed "play" to continue our lives.

Bill's passing made me take another look at what's important in my life and what's not. What is temporal and what is eternal. Life is so unpredictable and in the end so very short.

All I heard as I spoke with those who knew Bill and also from my own experience, was he always had a pleasant and infectious smile. Mother Teresa once said, "We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do."

From the numerous stories about Bill, from his church community to his old college fraternity brothers, to those he worked with, I came to realize he made a difference in the lives of many individuals.

As I now press "play" in my own life, I'm wondering not only how I can make a difference in the lives of others, but also how can our Council 15001 make a difference. It's through the various activities we will sponsor, to continue to do what we do each day, each activity, each opportunity, to give someone a smile, do it with purpose and do it with love. Another quote from Mother Teresa is "None of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

In the upcoming Fraternal Year, let's remember these two quotes from Mother Teresa as we approach each new activity and each new event.

A smile can make someone's day and with great love our Council can make a difference within the parish, the local community and our families as well.

Vivat Jesus!

Kirk LaPlante, GK
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FAITH



COMMUNITY



FAMILY



LIFE

From the ends of the earth have I cried to thee, when my heart was in trouble: thou lifted me up on a rock thou didst guide me



John VanCuyk

Dear Brothers,

Well, it's that time of year when the diocese requests that we complete our Safe Environment Training (S.E.T.) course.

When you have completed the course, please send me the certificate for my files.

FYI: The Web site is <https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org>

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or Joseph Castellarin at IT@stpaulsphoenix.org.

Thank you all in advance for getting this project completed as soon as possible.

God bless you, Vivat Jesus

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Installation Of Officers Council 15001 **D.D. RICH RYAN INSTALLS COUNCIL 15001 OFFICERS**

Wednesday, July 7, was the official installation of Council 15001 Officers for Fraternal Year 2021-2022. Many of the Officers were carried over from the previous year due to the pandemic which limited the last administration in the number of activities there could be. Newly elected Officers include Chancellor Dan McGinn, Trustee (3 yr.) Al Gillis, Recorder Charley Billingsley, Warden Nelson Mayo, Outside Guard (#2) Fred Cosme. Gary DiGregorio is the newly appointed Lecturer. Carryovers were Financial Secretary Jack Swartz, Trustee (2 yr.) Rich Diefendorf, Trustee (1 yr.) Tom Russell, Chaplain Fr. Bruno Cuario and Asst. Chaplain Fr. Ishaya Samalia.

The Installation was conducted by new District Deputy Rich Ryan. A nice crowd of other members was in attendance, either in person or on Zoom, as well as a number of family members. Ice cream, cookies, and drinks were served following the Installation.

Officers re-elected were: Kirk LaPlante, Grand Knight; Francis Abijaoude, Deputy GK; Jim Cairo, Treasurer; Gary Schulte PGK, Advocate; and Artie Hauer, Outside Guard #1.





Congratulations To Council 1500I Officers For 2021-2022







Military Chaplain's Cause for Sainthood Advances

(Extracted from Knights of Columbus Article online)



The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops voted June 17 to advance the cause of canonization for 1st Lt. Father Joseph Verbis Lafleur, a World War II military chaplain, prisoner of war and a Knight of Columbus whose courageous witness in the Pacific theater of the war brought many souls to Christ.

Stationed in the Philippines, Father Lafleur was offered a chance to escape when the Japanese invaded in 1941. When he found out his unit, the 19th Bombardment Group, would not be leaving too, he replied firmly, "Then I shall stay here. My place is with the men."

Father Lafleur would spend more than two years as a prisoner of war; he died in 1944 helping his fellow POWs evacuate a torpedoed Japanese prison boat. For his service throughout the war, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, a Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

COURAGEOUS WITNESS

Joseph Verbis Lafleur was ordained a priest April 2, 1938, at 26 years old, and in 1941, he answered the call to join the military as a chaplain. While stationed in Albuquerque, N.M., Father Lafleur's commander noticed his exceptional performance. The young chaplain's next posting was to Clark Field, a U.S. Army airfield in the Philippines.

Eight hours after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese planes bombed Clark Field, destroying almost every American plane parked wingtip-to-wingtip on the strip. Ninety-three men were killed and 143 wounded. Father Lafleur then ministered to the wounded and dying, exposing himself to bullets and shrapnel to give absolution and help doctors administer medical care.

Col. E.L. Eubank of the Army Air Force witnessed Father LaFleur's actions and recommended him to receive the Distinguished Service Cross, the second-highest military honor. The citation reads, "First Lieutenant LaFleur's intrepid actions, personal bravery and zealous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States and reflect great credit upon himself, the 5th Air Force and the United States Army Air Forces."

The 19th Bombardment Group was later attacked by Japanese planes while evacuating to another island by ship. Father Lafleur crawled through a hail of bullets to rescue a wounded officer on deck. He was the last man on the boat after assisting with the evacuation of the other soldiers.

After U.S. and Philippine forces surrendered to the Japanese following the Battle of Bataan, Father Lafleur and the rest of the 19th Bombardment Group were captured. The military chaplain spent the rest of his life as a POW.

A SAINT IN PRISON

Father Lafleur bounced from prison camp to prison camp until arriving at the Davao Penal Colony in October 1942, where he worked beside his fellow POWs in the rice fields and helped them in any way he could.

He sneaked into the compound hospital to tend to sick prisoners. He shared his food with the sick and wounded, and even traded his watch and eyeglasses for food and medicine. He refused medicine for himself, even during bouts with malaria, saying someone else needed it more.

Even more important, Father Lafleur continued to be a spiritual leader. He personally constructed a chapel out of bamboo and wood named The Chapel of St. Peter in Chains and celebrated Mass each morning before the men headed out to work. One soldier recalled that Father Lafleur conserved the wine for consecration by using a medicine dropper.

Father Lafleur's witness had a tremendous impact: Nearly 200 American prisoners converted to Catholicism because of his influence.

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Bill Lowe was one of the men who converted. His interest in Catholicism began after Father Lafleur helped evacuate others into lifeboats before the American-Philippine surrender. He saw in the military chaplain “something that I wished I had,” adding that “his demeanor was so convincing that this led me to pursue to become a Catholic.” “If there ever was a saint, Father Lafleur was one,” Lowe would later write.

'I WILL BE WITH YOU'

Father Lafleur’s sense of duty led him to volunteer to take the place of a POW bound for a Japanese airstrip in Lasang, Philippines. He did this despite being physically weak due to lack of food.

Before he left for Lasang, in March 1944, Father Lafleur wrote a final message to his family on the label of a can of milk. It read in part, “I do not have to go, but if I didn’t and something would happen, I would never go back to the States as I could never face any of you again. I would feel as though I had not done my duty.”

While at Lasang, Father Lafleur continued to inspire the prisoners with his acts of courage. In one instance, Japanese guards with bayonets surrounded Father Lafleur and other POWs during his daily rosary service. A guard kept the bayonet at the military chaplain’s stomach. Father Lafleur didn’t move except to make the sign of the cross. Eventually, tensions subsided and the guards left.

As American forces advanced, the Japanese decided to move the prisoners to mainland Japan. Father Lafleur and hundreds of POWs were loaded into a ship — the *Shinyo Maru* — which had no white flag to denote it was carrying prisoners.

Without that signal, it became a target for Allied forces. On Sept. 7, 1944, the *Shinyo Maru* was torpedoed by the USS *Paddle*. During the attack, Father Lafleur led his fellow prisoners in the ship’s hold in praying the rosary.

Suddenly, the hatch was opened. Father Lafleur began evacuating the prisoners as the Japanese threw grenades into the hold. Other prisoners were shot on deck as they tried to dive into the water. Only 82 prisoners out of hundreds survived. Father Lafleur was not one of them. He was last seen standing near the ladder trying to help others escape.

As he wrote in his final message, “If I am not [here], I will be with you anyway and I will have a reserve seat up in Heaven. I am sure Our Lord will let me roll back just one little cloud so I can look down. And from up there I will have a more beautiful view and a more perfect understanding of what is going on.”

Father Lafleur, a member of Council 2281 in Abbeville, La., is one of many [Knights who are either canonized or on the path to sainthood](#)

Independence Day Mass



A contingent of St. Paul’s Knights and other parishioners participated in the Independence Day Mass and rosary celebration at St. Thomas the Apostle Church on July 3.

Shown here are: Knight Jack Swartz and his wife Nadine, Knight Ted Cherekos, Mary Hauer, Knight Gary Schulte and his wife Dema, Irene Gramza, and Knight Frank Dzielak. Also attending but not pictured was Knight Jim Soderlund.

[A special article from Brother Mike Robinson](#)

Brothers, Mike Robinson is an novice writer who would like some input as to the short story he has written. Very interesting.

The Final Battle

By: Mike Robinson

It all started innocently enough. The man was happily married to a beautiful woman, and had both, a teenage son and daughter, fifteen and six years of age respectively. His marriage was definitely blessed. The rest of the world was blessed also. Abortion was finally outlawed everywhere, the seven deadly sins were no more, and the only sins being committed were the "little white lie" types. You know the ones...

Things like, 'Does this outfit make me look fat?' Or, 'It was a really good meal', no matter how bad it was; and 'It's no bother', even if it was really a burden for you. ...and so on. Everybody thought that these were okay. But God had kept count of them, and they were beginning to add up very rapidly since His last chastisement of mankind.

The man had also begun to curse God for letting his wife die. It happened about six years earlier when his son was nine and his daughter had just turned six. Their third child, another boy, was stillborn; a few minutes later, complications had set in, and his wife died a short time later.

"Daddy," his daughter would often say to him. "It's not right to say those things to God. He won't like it. I'm sure He had a good reason to take them, Daddy. Maybe He accidentally gave my little brother a super power, or something like that. And when he realized what He did, He knew that people wouldn't understand, and would probably hurt him because they would be scared of him, and when he took the power back, he accidentally killed him. Remember Daddy, it rained that day. That was God crying and telling us he was sorry. And maybe He also found a part of Heaven that was not as beautiful as the rest of Heaven, and that's why he took Mommy. To make it really, really beautiful."

But God had finally had enough, and decided to let man try it on his own for a while. However, He was never far away from them and always kept an eye on them. For their own protection...

The war had been going on for about a year now, when there was a sudden, brief lull in the battle. Completely covered with sweat, dirt, and blood, the man looked around and saw that all of his comrades, and enemies, within a hundred yards of him had fallen. Turning his head toward the sounds of the battle that was still raging, he saw in the distance a grotesque, hideous beast moving directly toward him, slowly. It was Satan himself, in one of his many guises. The man then closed his eyes and hung his head. Taking a deep breath, a beautiful vision entered his mind.

He was now watching his wedding, with his beautiful, but now departed, wife. He watched her sitting for her hairdresser as her hair was fixed, then he saw her checking her makeup one last time before the start of the ceremony. He saw her running helter-skelter, from room to room, making sure that all of the bridesmaids, attendants, and flower girls were ready, along with the ushers. He saw the exhaustion on her face clearly through her makeup. He saw that she was about to collapse when she closed her eyes and hung her head, and tried to catch her even though he knew it was only a vision. But then she took a deep breath, and lifted her head, smiling once again. In that brief instant, she had completely regained her strength and composure, her beauty and sparkling eyes shining forth once more, even brighter than before. A smile crossed his face as he remembered her.

He was completely exhausted now, and had no strength left in his limbs. As his sword fell to his side, he dropped down to his knees gasping for breath. Satan saw this, and a huge grin appeared on his face, from ear to ear. And he began laughing loud enough for the ground to start rumbling. Thinking that he had finally emerged victorious, he was now only an arm's length away from the man, and raised his sword to deliver the final blow that would end this war once and for all. There were only a few handfuls of the humans left, and once this man, their leader, was gone, that would be it.

Taking aim at the back of his neck just as he began the downward swing of that fatal stroke, Satan noticed that the man's lips were moving. Then he heard him say "Amen" as the man lifted his head, his eyes fierce with determination. Suddenly there was a deafening roar and a rush of wind, as though several tornados had struck at once. Satan, upon looking upward, saw untold legions of Angels, led by St. Michael, rushing toward him and the battlefield. As his eyes continued gazing further upward, he saw, standing on a cloud above the Angels, the Blessed Virgin and her beloved spouse, St. Joseph. And they were staring directly at him!

As a hate-filled growl emerged from his throat, it quickly turned into an ear-piercing, blood-curdling, scream of pain that filled the air. The sword of the archangel, St. Michael, had pierced his body while he was distracted, along with that of the man. Almost immediately, Satan disintegrated into a cloud of dust, nevermore to trouble the world. Amazed, the man stood up and looked around. All of Satan's minions and cohorts also began disintegrating, and the rest of the Angels quickly dispatched those allies of his that had not disintegrated.

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Looking down at the ground beside him, he saw his son lying there. Lifeless, the boy was covered with blood, both his and that of others. Kneeling down, he tried to smile and wiped a tear from his eye, as he placed his hand on his son's head and brushed his matted hair from his face. He was very proud of his son. Even though he was only a young teenager, and just turned sixteen, he died a man. The boy received many wounds, the majority of which were in the front, but he was surrounded by piles of the disintegrated remnants of Satan's warriors.

Then, from out of nowhere, he heard a voice call to him from a distance. Then it seemed like the voice was right beside him.

"Da... Daddy?"

Looking up, he saw the beautiful face of his gorgeous young daughter. She was the spitting image of his dearly departed wife. She had been hiding from the battle and all the demons, as her father instructed her to do. Reaching out, he hugged her for several minutes, then kissed her.

"Daddy," she said, "can we go home now? That lady over there said it was okay now," she said as she pointed toward the Blessed Virgin and her Beloved Spouse.

"Yes, baby," he said. "But there is one thing we must do first!"

Kneeling down he picked up his son, and with his daughter at his side dragging his heavy sword behind her with one hand, and holding onto his arm with the other, they began their long journey back home. Once they reached what was left of their little town, they headed straight to the local church's cemetery, where the man laid his son to rest. Right beside his mother, and little baby brother. Saying a prayer for them, the two then kissed the head stones over their graves.

Slowly the two of them, father and daughter, walked hand-in-hand back home, patched up what was left of their shattered lives, and peacefully and lovingly started all over again.

I include his comments. This is from Mike's email:

From: Mike R <mibes01jlyn09@gmail.com>

Date: July 5, 2021 at 4:35:27 AM MST

Hi everybody,

Mike here, in the Philippines. I just wanted to let you all know that I'm fine over here. I have attached a short story that I wrote, and I would gladly value everyone's opinion on it, good or bad, I will accept constructive criticism.

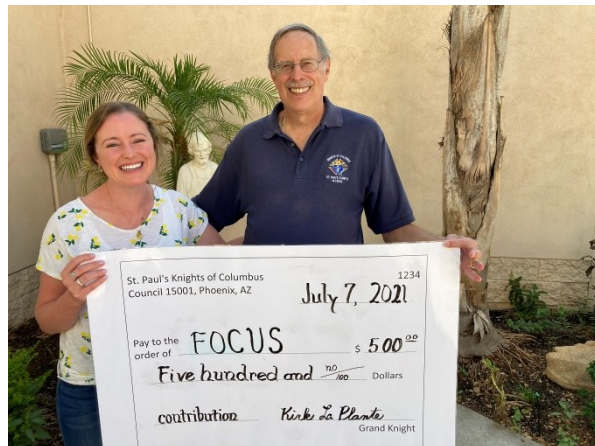
Share it with anyone else there that you care to, and if you should decide to do anything with it, I humbly ask that you acknowledge my authorship, and at least keep me informed. I'm looking forward to reading your opinions on it. Thank you, and I hope you enjoy it.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Robinson

Knights Support FOCUS Again This Year

Continuing to contribute to worthy causes from proceeds of our recent KOC charitable raffle, GK Kirk LaPlante presented a \$500 check to Brie Sanford to benefit the FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) ministry at Northern Arizona University.



Memorial Mass Held For Irene Earl

Fr. Ishaya celebrated a Memorial Mass for Brother David Earl's wife of 54 years Irene Caroline on July 10th at St Paul's. Irene passed away on June 9th. Funeral service was held Saturday, June 19th in Michigan. Twelve brother knights attended the Memorial Mass which was followed by a reception hosted by the Women's Guild.



Blood Drive By Knights For Valiant Blood Services Held Sunday July 25th

We had many of our parishioners sign up for and participate with the blood drive on Sunday July 25th to ensure an increase in the supply of available blood being available for our hospitals. We thank everyone who participated, either as a donor or as a volunteer. Our newest Knights, Tom Van Buren was a big help during this event.

This twosome interacted during their time donating and sitting after donating for observation prior to departing, the proudly displayed their battle scars.



Brothers Joe Schumacher and John Van Cuyk



Knights shown are Jim Soderlund and Tom Van Buren, Co-Chairman, and John VanCuyk donor.

The lady is with Valiant Blood Services.



Knights shown are Jim Soderlund and Tom Van Buren, Co-Chairman. The lady is with Valiant Blood Services.



[Nun Run 2022](#)



Here is a letter to the parish from the Desert Nuns that read:

“We are looking forward to our on-site Nun Run in 2022. We are so very grateful for your continued support and help. May God reward you a hundred fold!”

Also enclosed was a page indicating the nuns would be offering a Day of Prayer for our special intention on August 3rd.



This is specifically for our Council 15001. The communication was signed by Mother Marie Andre PCPA, Abbess of Our Lady of Solitude Monastery.

While the date has not been firmed up yet, we look forward to participating as we have over the past 10 years. It is always an honor and privilege to serve and help our nuns at Tonopah.

Our Council is tentatively planning a trip to visit the nuns on Sat., September 11th, if adequate transportation can be found.

[Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly's statement on removal of the Hyde Amendment from funding legislation](#)

Knights of Columbus believe in the dignity and worth of every human life and support efforts that protect the unborn.

We're extremely disappointed by recent actions to take away longstanding bipartisan taxpayer and conscience protections including the Hyde Amendment. This year's [Knights of Columbus/Marist polling](#), affirming over a decade of previous polling data, shows that 58% of Americans oppose the use of taxpayer-funding for abortions. Eliminating Hyde is an extreme measure, is not what most Americans want and is out of step with our democracy. We urge Congress to preserve provisions like the bipartisan Hyde Amendment that ban the use of taxpayer funding for abortions and affirm the desire of the American public.

The Knights remain committed to helping pregnant mothers choose life, such as through donating ultrasound machines, other valuable material resources, and volunteer hours to pregnancy resource centers around the world.

Fraternally,

Patrick E. Kelly
Supreme Knight

[Enduring Faith: The Story of Native American Catholics—A Knights of Columbus Documentary](#)

It is impossible to fully understand what it means to be a Catholic in North America without a sincere appreciation for the Catholic tradition among so many native tribes. Few people realize that Indigenous communities throughout the continent were practicing their faith centuries before the founding of the United States.

Enduring Faith: The Story of Native American Catholics explores the rich legacy of faith among Native Americans. Discover how in the 16th century, Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to an Indigenous elder as a mestiza woman and generated the largest conversion in world history. Hear the inspiring story of the first canonized Native American saint, St. Kateri Tekakwitha. Learn about a 20th century Lakota healer, Nicholas Black Elk, whose cause for canonization is currently open in Rome.

This film will inspire in viewers a deeper appreciation for the spiritual and cultural gifts of Native American Catholics, a greater awareness of the wrongs inflicted upon them by the unjust policies of the British and American governments, and a sense of hope at how Native American Catholics continue to live out their faith in fully enculturated ways today. Above all, it offers a missing piece to the greater story of Catholicism in America and a beautiful example of how Christ reveals himself through the uniqueness of every culture.



I CAN AND I WILL

How many times have we all made the above statement to ourselves and to others?

When it comes to life insurance, the most important thing is to say: "I could and I did"!

I COULD AND I DID!

If you are like many others growing up, you think of living forever being a nearly infinite thing of life. Old age will come soon enough so I don't have to worry about it now! I think most of us are guilty of saying or at least thinking such a thing.

But, it doesn't take old age or minor illness to bring our world crashing down upon us or our families. Yes, life insurance is an item that is so often spoken about as being essential, but most of us put it off until a later date. Sometimes—too late!

Let's discuss life insurance at this time:

What is it?

Permanent life insurance is our signature product. It provides money to your family when you die, and builds cash value while you live. It's guaranteed. It's secure. It's dynamic.

Who needs it?

Permanent life insurance is a great way to provide security for your family. It may be an ideal solution for people who are interested in:

- ◆ Providing money for final expenses so your family doesn't have to.
- ◆ Replacing income so that your family's financial life doesn't have to change in case you pass away suddenly.
- ◆ Providing college funds for your children in case of an untimely death.
- ◆ Protecting your spouse from the burden of a mortgage in the event of the unexpected.
- ◆ Giving a donation to a charity or special interest.
- ◆ Supplementing an estate or mitigating estate taxes.

How does it work?

Permanent life insurance – like all life insurance – is designed primarily to provide money (also known as a death benefit) to your designated beneficiary when you pass away – guaranteed.

All Knights of Columbus permanent life insurance policies have premiums that are guaranteed not to increase, so you won't have to worry about any surprises.



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Call me today and we can discuss all the plans of insurance that the Knights of Columbus offers their members and their families.

I'm sure that you will be glad you did.

Birthdays—August 2021

August 01	Anthony Vechiola
August 04	Gary Parsons
August 04	Francis Dzielak
August 07	James McDonald
August 13	Steven Pettit
August 15	Maurus Bachmeier
August 16	Andre Cerna
August 17	Bill Hintze
Augusts 21	Richard Diefendorf
August 24	Paul Reeves
August 30	Butch Cook



August 01	Kearan Pettit
August 05	Mary Weege
August 28	Kathleen Blome
August 29	Lynn Brandt

Happy Birthday

May God give you the strength and wisdom to smoothly surmount all the challenges life brings you. Stay blessed and enjoy your day to the fullest.

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

July

Officers' Installation _____

Donut Sunday _____

2nd Saturday P.P. Rosary _____

Servers _____

EM _____

Lector _____

Adoration _____

Blood Drive _____

Other: _____

August

Altar Servers Event _____

Seminarians Dinner—Mount Claret _____

2nd Saturday P.P. Rosary _____

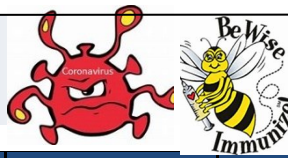
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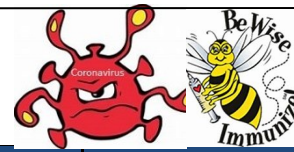
Lector _____



Adoration _____

Other: _____



August 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Seminarian dinner at Mt. Claret	3	4	5 General Meeting in O'Carroll Hall at 7:00 p.m.	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14  Rosary at Planned Parenthood
15 Annual Audit Due at Supreme 	16 Officers' Meeting 7:00 p.m. In Conference Room	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
28	29	30	31			

[Upcoming Events For August 2021](#) [Listing of events currently available](#)

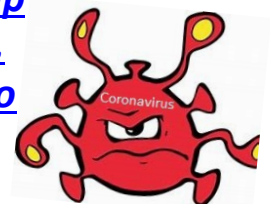
- Aug 02 Seminarian dinner at Mt. Claret
- Aug 05 General Meeting O'Carroll Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- Aug 14 Rosary at Planned Parenthood
- Aug 16 Officers' Meeting
- Sep 01 General Meeting O'Carroll Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- Sep 11 Visit Desert Nuns in Tonopah (? - TBD)
- Sep 20 Officers Meeting in Conference Room 7:00 p.m.
- Sep 25 Bingo (? - TBD)



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:

Gary & Dema Schulte, Father Bitrus Maigamo
Mike & Chris Murphy, Rick Razzano, Bill Hintze,
Colin Russell, Cecile Calderon, Ave Marie Leonard,
Diane Russell, Carol Dzielak, and Mary Weege,
Rebecca Cairo , Rick Garrison and his daughter Sarah .

*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.

In Memoriam—All Deceased Knights Of Council 15001—May You Rest In Peace

Milford Naseman, John Cummings, Ross Thompson, John Bagley, Dick Kuehn, Patrick McDonald*, James Gordon, Jim Cassidy,
Mike Replogle, Amando Trillo, Tom Callan*, Jon Weaver, Fr. Bob Binta*, Jim Pettit, Joe Gray, Larry Mackin*, Bill Porter,
and during 2021 - Robert Kerrigan, Roger Madrid (* Designates a Charter member), John Connery and Ernie Weege.

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