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January 1, 2020

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Happy New Year. Yes, it is time for the honored yearly greeting that many of us take for granted. Has January 1st always been the New Year? No, it has not. In fact, the Babylonians, millennia ago celebrated it with the cutting of the March crops. Oh, then in order to realign the Roman calendar with the sun, Julius Caesar had to add 90 extra days to the year 46 B.C. when he introduced his new Julian calendar. Yes there are many things interesting about any new year. No, I'm not talking about the hangovers and feeling down in the dumps. I'm referring to nicer things.

One of the first things we think about on New Year's Day is the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God. To all Catholics, this is a very important day for us all to remember as it marks the eighth day after a feast and so always falls on the same day of the week as the feast itself. Jesus was born on Christmas Day and New Year's Day is on the Octave of his birth.

The word octave is also used in music. It is the harmonic combination of two tones an octave apart. Octave could be referred to as the time from New Year's Day and our first meeting of the new Calendar Year. Yes, our first meeting of 2020 will be held on January 8th due to the holiday of New Year's Day.

Now that the year is under way, are we ready for the Men's Conference, Bingo Night, Parish Picnic and raffle sales to come? Yes, Brothers, it is that time of the year when we really are in high gear after the events of November and December Mexican and pizza meals. It may also be time to revisit our willingness to do the work that is requested of us. Some may think that they are not really needed when in fact, every Knight is needed in every Council to perform the Works of the Knights of Columbus. It is always time to step up to the plate—even when you don't want to and have not in the past. Make those hours count!

At the end of January, we have the Annual Survey of Fraternal hours spent doing various projects at each Council under Supreme. This is when your hard work is noted and counted towards our 5021(c)(8) fraternal designation for our tax free existence. Without the millions of hours and thousands of dollars that we report to Supreme, we could not keep our IRS exemption. Now is the time to get out your pen and paper and figure out the hours you worked this past Calendar Year.

When you have your total hours figured out, make sure that you present them to the Financial Secretary, PGK Jack Swartz, for him to compile and forward on to the Supreme Office.

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

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



**For Fraternal Year 2019-2020
 The State Theme is:
 KNIGHTS SERVING GOD SERVING THE COMMUNITY
 THIS IS WHO WE ARE, THIS IS WHAT WE DO**



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Grand Knight
Richard Diefendorf

Grand Knight's Column

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020



Brother Knights and families,

I would like to wish you and your families a Happy New Year. As I look back at 2019, there are many things to be thankful about. One thing I am thankful for is the countless hours of charitable time each of you have made to make Council 15001 a truly giving and successful Council. As I see and meet each of you this coming year, I want to personally thank each one of you for your commitment toward the charitable giving, of not only your time, but also for you giving financially as well.

As I look forward to 2020, I have great expectations of what we as a Council can achieve together. I am excited about all the many opportunities we have.

I would like to share with you a letter I received from Mark McMullen, Senior Vice President for Fraternal Mission. He Writes: "Every year, our more than 15,000 Councils and nearly 2 million members donate a remarkable amount of service to charity. The acts of mercy and generosity performed by you and your brother Knights are the pride of our Order. Thank you for all you do. **Charitable reporting is important.** When Councils track and submit all their volunteer hours and dollars donated to charity, the Order can calculate our collective impact and outreach. This allows all of us to share with the world our deep and endearing commitment to a charity that evangelizes. Our impressive charitable numbers help our Order to maintain its exemption from income tax as a fraternal benefit society under Section 501© (8) of the Internal Revenue Code. When legislators challenge this exemption and our record, the most persuasive argument for preserving it is that these societies provide charitable contributions and volunteer time that are worth far more than the revenue that would be generated by taxing them. Knights of Columbus do not simply talk about charity; Knights of Columbus put their faith into action in tangible and considerable ways. As your Council performs acts of service and donates to charitable endeavors, please be sure to track your output and submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity. Brother Knights, thank you again for all you have done and will do this year to better your communities, our church, and our society. Together we truly are putting our faith into action as the strong right arm of the Church".

Please submit your record of hours you and your wife have performed over the last year to our Financial Secretary, PGK Jack Swartz, either by email (jnswartz1@cox.net) or personally at our January meeting on Wednesday January 8th. A form for this is attached as a page of our newsletter. Thank You!

Months ago our DGK and I committed to Maryann (parish front office) that the Knights of Columbus would work with her and promote this year's March for Life as part of the KOC Faith in Action – Life program. Her plans call for showing Abby Johnson's movie "Unplanned" to parishioners, in the parish hall on Saturday January 11th and sponsoring a bus to take parishioners to the downtown march the next Saturday January 18th. Maryann was hoping the movie would be "sponsored" by the Women's Guild in the morning, and the KOC in the evening. The Women's Guild has already agreed, and our Council has agreed to sponsor the one showing in the evening. Our DGK is following Dan's (McGinn) lead and contacting Paradise Valley School District to charter a bus. Maryann will handle all promo in the bulletin and sign-up. We have already secured the movie and obtained a license to show it to all the general public at the church. (this was done months ago). The DGK and I will cover all the cost for the movie, bus, etc. KOC will not have to fund anything.

Please mark your calendars for January 11th for you and your family to attend the movie "Unplanned" and if at all possible, plan to attend the March for Life Saturday January 18th in downtown Phoenix.

Words of support come easily. Action on the other hand is difficult. These are difficult times in our country. It is time to stand up and be counted. Let's together do what's fair and stop being part of the silent majority. Let's get behind this project and be proud of what we believe in and show our support to the unborn vulnerable part of our society. I will be there, and I hope and pray you will be there also.

VIVAT JESUS!

Richard "Dief" Diefendorf, GK
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GOD BLESS YOU

Council 15001

Step "Into the Breach." And TOGETHER, LET US GO FORTH!



Council 15001 would like to wish each and everyone of you a
Happy New Year and
we look forward to
Step “Into the Breach.” And TOGETHER, LET US GO FORTH!

Christmas Gift Checks Given Out to Parish Personnel

GK Dief Diefendorf and PGK/Financial Secretary Jack Swartz present a Christmas gift check to parish maintenance employee Karen Ruggles on behalf of Council 15001. Blessed Mother Mary seems to approve!



GK Dief presenting monetary Christmas gift to parish office receptionist and scheduler Daena Mireau on behalf of Council 15001. Also receiving a similar gift was parish bulletin editor Kathy Williams (No picture available).



Also receiving a check, on a different day, was Senior Maintenance employee Chris Miller . Check was presented by the Financial Secretary, GK was not available that day.



[Did You Know?](#)

How do we determine what will be depicted on the State Pin each year?

At the start of every Fraternal Year, it has become a long-standing custom in Arizona (and other states) that the State Deputy introduces a new State Pin and logo design.



During the recent organizational meeting, State Deputy Tom Kalisz told the attendees, "This year's pin design is meant to be a visual, daily reminder, of what we stand for and the depth of our commitment to serve God, our parishes, and our neighbors."

Around the outer edge of the pin and logo design we find the guiding principles of the Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. They remind us of who we are as Knights of Columbus and what we do.

Within the circle, an image of the State of Arizona is found at the center, emblazoned with the Emblem of the Order. This represents the Arizona State Council and its jurisdictional responsibility for all of the State of Arizona.

This year, the Worthy State Deputy has dedicated his administration to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The image of Mary on the cloak is known as Our Lady of Guadalupe for an interesting reason. On that same day, Mary appeared to Juan's uncle and cured him, giving him a message for the bishop, saying that she would "crush the serpent's head." But, the bishop did not understand the Indians' language. The Indian word for "crush the serpent" sounded to him like the word "Guadalupe," the name of Mary's shrine in Spain. Thinking that the Virgin wanted the new shrine to have the same name, the bishop called her Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Mary's visit to Guadalupe is a reminder that God will remember his mercy for all people. In Mary's song of joy, the Magnificat, she praised God because He has put down the mighty, exalted the lowly, filled the hungry, and sent the rich away empty.

People honor Our Lady of Guadalupe because they recognize her motherly concern for them. Working under our theme of "Knights Serving God, Serving The Community, This Is Who We Are, This Is What We Do", you will see that the cross is included so that we are reminded that we are all children of God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The cross also symbolizes the gift we received through the death of Jesus Christ – forgiveness of sin and a path to everlasting life.

Finally, included in the lower right portion of the logo are two small baby's feet. These are included to remind us that we must always fight to preserve the sanctity of life from natural conception to natural death.

The Worthy State Deputy says that he hopes that the pin and logo will keep us focused on Unity and Fraternity as we perform works of Charity in service to all.

[Our Lady of Guadalupe](#)

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe), also known as the *Virgin of Guadalupe* (**Spanish**: *Virgen de Guadalupe*), is a Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary associated with a venerated image enshrined within the *Minor Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe* in Mexico City.

The basilica is the most visited Catholic pilgrimage site in the world, and the world's third most-visited sacred site. Pope Leo XIII granted the venerated image a Canonical Coronation on October 12, 1895.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happy New Year! As we begin the new year it's common to review the past year and look at what we'd like to accomplish in the new one. Already there's been much advertising and talk about 2020 and the relation to our eyesight...how we'll be able to see more clearly, look at the year with new vision and not be shortsighted.

Of course all this talk about the future brings us to the usual thinking about the new year...making resolutions. That is a good thing! All of us want to resolve to do those things that will lead to happier, healthier lives. Some of the most common resolutions are to lose weight, get in shape and exercise more. Others resolve to stop smoking.

If you think about the spiritual, many new year's resolutions concern having a more centered prayer life or receiving more often the sacraments.

Many of my friends think more about quality time...quality time spent with their family and friends; those who are most important in their lives. As you think about family, one resolution I can help you keep is to update your Family Service Record and take stock of your financial goals. Are you where you want to be? Do you have a plan? With our professional approach using a professional Profiles + Forecaster financial needs analysis you can see if there are any gaps in your coverage and how close you are to achieving your goals and aspirations.

Some members are not aware of all the products we have to offer: Life insurance, long term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities.

These products can help protect your family in all the financial situations where you might find yourself.

Life insurance protects your loved ones financially if you are not here to help provide. The need for life insurance changes at different stages of a person's life: Young and unmarried members and the man retiring next month each have life insurance needs, but the type and amount may vary widely. For this, I can give you some advice.

Disability income insurance provides a paycheck if you are sick or hurt and can't work. If your company offers some, do you know how much, for how long and is it taxable? I can help sort that out.

Long term care insurance protects those assets you've worked so hard all your life to accumulate. Don't deplete all the family's savings for a care event when the Knights can take on that risk.

With all the concern about market volatility and the health of Social Security, our fixed rate annuities guarantee a minimum interest rate for life, the safety of conservative investment strategy and an income stream you cannot outlive.

What's most important to you and your family? There is no cookie cutter answer. That's why I meet with members and their spouses and first determine what issues are of most concern to you. From there I can help analyze where you are in relation to your goals and construct a plan to get you where you want to go. All done in the comfort of your home and at your convenience.

As a Brother Knight and your Field Agent I have so much more responsibility than a simple financial advisor or stock broker. We'll take a look at your dreams, goals and aspirations for 2020 and beyond.

Resolve today to meet with me and ensure that at the end of this new year, your financial picture will be seen with 2020 vision.

God Bless You & Your Family, And May All Of You Have A Prosperous And Happy New Year!!!

Vivat Jesus!



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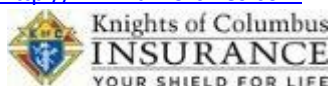
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Christmas Party 2019

GREAT ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AGAIN!! CHRISTMAS PARTY EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS!!

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TWO KNIGHTS HONORED (See plaque next page)

Nearly 90 members and guests enjoyed an evening of great food and fun activities, including Christmas carol singing, in St. Paul's Conference Center on the evening of December 7, 2019. The annual Knights Christmas Party was again chaired by Tom Karl (and his wife Jo), aided by his committee consisting of GK "Dief" Diefendorf (and his wife Mac), PGK/T Al Gillis (and his wife Donna) and PGK/FS Jack Swartz (and his wife Nadine).

The evening began with an invocation led by GK "Dief", which was followed by a couple of award presentations. The GK presented the "Knight of the Month for November" to PGK/FS Jack Swartz. This was followed by the presentation of the "Knight of the Year for 2019" to PDGK Mike Aguilar. Our GK then instructed each family present to be sure to take a Holy Family "Faith" Christmas tree ornament home with them.

Dinner was then served, consisting of a variety of pizzas furnished by Barro's Pizza, and also bbq'd chicken wings, salad, cookies, cake and ice cream. A special "Thanks" goes to Barro's Pizza, as they donated 25 pizzas free of charge.

After the meal, a Catholicity Quiz was held, testing the attendees' knowledge of their faith and the rules of our church, with the winning table participants all receiving a Hershey bar. This was then followed by breaking into 8 groups of 10 or 11 each, with a Get Acquainted exercise designed to be a fun way to involve everyone and get to know each other better. The group that had the most things in common was the winner, and also each received a Hershey bar.

To close the evening, Christmas Carols were sung by the entire group, and finally a closing prayer led by our Grand Knight. A fun evening was had by all!!!

Knights who attended were: Francis Abijaoude, Mike Aguilar, Reggie Alilonu, Steve Alonge, Jim Cairo, Ted Cherekos, GK "Dief" Diefendorf, Frank Dzielak, PGK/T Al Gillis, Joe Gray, Greg Huelskamp, Tom Karl, Anthony Kinyon, Don Kolb, DGK Kirk LaPlante, Tom Long, Larry Mackin, Nelson Mayo, Bill Miller, PGK Tom Nash, Gary Parsons, Steve Pettit, Mike Robinson, Ray Rossetti, PGK/T Tom Russell, PGK Gary Schulte, Al Sindorf, Jim Soderlund, Gerry Surdakowski, PGK/FS Jack Swartz, Chris Theut, Anthony Vechiola, James Wayne, Roel Zamora, and Scott Ziebarth. Most of these Knights were accompanied by spouses and/or other family members; a number of widows of Knights were also on hand.



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“Knight of the Month for November” to PGK/FS Jack Swartz.



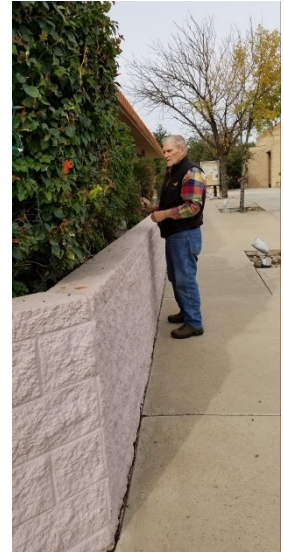
“Knight of the Year for 2019” to PDGK Mike Aguilar



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FOR PARISH CAMPUS

A small but hardy band of 13 Knights from Council 15001 endured chilly weather on Saturday morning, December 7th, to put up the Christmas lights on our St. Paul's campus.

This has been an annual event for most of the years our Council has existed (10 yrs. now). Led by this year's Captain John Van Cuyk other Knights who helped on the project were: David Earl, Joe Gray, Don Kolb, Kirk LaPlante, Bill Miller, Mike Robinson, PGK Tom Russell, Al Sindorf, Jim Soderlund, Gerard Surdakowski, PGK Jack Swartz, and Ernie Weege.



[Sister John Mark Maria of St. Peter The Apostle,
Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, Tonopah, AZ](#)

Sister John Mark —Known for spearheading the Nun Run in March and our Council’s visits in June each year. The article was written in the Columbia and I’m extracting that information as the writing is hard to see:

“The Lord was inviting me to be His own”.

When I was 8, I penned a rhyme that listed 12 things I liked.

Reading it as an adult, I was delighted that “people” had made the list—and dumbfounded that “ice cream” had not. The verse ended, “I like God the best.” Even then, the Lord was inviting me to be exclusively his own.

I am grateful to my family for giving me the gift of faith.

After graduating from college, I served the Church full time for 11 years. I thought I had found my mission in active ministry, sharing the joy of Jesus Christ and bringing people to the Lord.

But gradually, in the quiet intimacy of adoring Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, He revealed the difference between doing God’s work and fulfilling his will. Gently, he invited me to embrace a contemplative vocation.

At Our Lady of Solitude Monastery, we are free to remain at Jesus’ feet in eucharistic adoration, in a spirit of reparative thanksgiving. As simply as a child’s musings our very lives proclaim: “We love God the best.”

Editor’s note: *Many of our Brother Knights and their family members have participated in the Nun Run for the past 10 years in Tempe. It is held each March and our members go to the event, help with parking cars at o’dark thirty and then station themselves along the race area to hand out bottles of water. It has always been a well attended race and one which yields necessary dollars to help with the completion of the monastery at Tonopah. Each June we have either journeyed in vehicles or rented a 55 passenger bus to transport everyone out to the monastery, have Mass and a small repast. Normally, the Grand Knight presents the Sisters with a check from the Council to assist them in the work they do and to help with purchasing necessary items. Brother Al Gillis has been instrumental in setting up members from our Council to help during the race as well as coordinate with Sister Mark John on any visit we plan. Al has been the go-to-guy for the Council for the past 10 years and continues to embrace his ministry as a Knight of Columbus with the same enthusiasm and interest that many of us wish we could continue to generate. TK*



ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY

The Supreme Office of the Knights of Columbus requires each Council to submit an Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity each year at the end of the Calendar Year. Council 15001 must submit this form by January 31, 2020 and we need your input to assure that we get accurate information. Please review your personal K of C activities for the Calendar Year of 2019, as well as the amount of money you have expended on K of C service projects and get this information to your Financial Secretary. With the information each member submits, along with the information we have accumulated from our many projects, we will be able to help the Knights of Columbus maintain its status as a 501(c)(8) tax exempt organization. Turn in your hours to Financial Secretary Jack Swartz as soon as possible but not later than January 15th.

ANNUAL DUES REALLY ARE DUE!!

All the members of Council 15001, and all other Councils for that matter, have been mailed notices that their annual dues are due for calendar/fiscal year 2020.

Most of our Council members (90) received notice by email, 8 received notices by “snail mail”, and the remaining 15 are either exempt because of their being a priest or seminarian, or by being a “life member”. Annual dues are \$36 per paying member, and are actually due on January 1, 2020. Please submit your checks to: **Financial Secretary, 625 W. Gibraltar Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85023**. Our Council is required to pay a portion of dues to State and also to Supreme, so those members who fail to remit are being paid for by their fellow members, so keep this in mind if you are having any hesitancy in submitting your check! JS/FS

Wanted—Pizza Party Chairman

Why? Well, after 7 years, it has suddenly come to the attention of the Committee for the Pizza Party that others have not been asked to “learn the ropes” of putting on the annual Christmas Pizza Party. While it needs to have a primary chairman, co-chairmen for the games/drinks/decorations, it can be run by one person if that person had a desire to be exhausted after the event!

No, as with most of our events, we need to have several people to pull together to make light the work. Not only is it easier than it looks, it is truly a lot of fun and will help to give you another skill set for future events.

Let’s get some willing, able bodied men who want a challenge and enjoy working with Brother Knights and families. If we don’t have anyone willing to take over the chairmanship, then you will have the same people doing it over and over each year. New chairmen means new ideas and procedures.

At the request of the Grand Knight, an information sheet has been created to describe the actions necessary for the work needed to prepare and set up for a pizza party. Taken step by step, it is actually quite easy.

If interested, please contact your GK/DGK/FS of Council 15001. They are the go-to men who can help you the most! TK

Catholic Vocabulary Test

AMEN:

The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

BULLETIN:

Your receipt for attending Mass.

CHOIR:

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

HOLY WATER:

A liquid whose chemical formula is H2OLY.

HYMN:

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

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

INCENSE:

Holy Smoke!

JESUITS:

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

13th Annual Phoenix Men's Conference
February 1, 2020



Brothers,

It is hard to believe we are heading towards the 13th Annual Phoenix Men's Conference, but on Saturday, February 1, 2020 this will be happening.

If you have not attended previously this would be the year.

We are proud to welcome Supreme Knight Carl Anderson as the keynote speaker, as well as other nationally known speakers. Adam Minihan and David Niles from The Catholic Man Show will bring their humorous take on Catholicism as emcees for the day.

Lunch, confession and Mass with Bishop Olmsted are also included.

Tickets are going quickly so I recommend you visit <http://cmfp.org/2020conference> to purchase your ticket soon. Once you have purchased your ticket(s) please email Al Gillis at adgillis2728@gmail.com so that he can get you additional details on carpooling and such.

For the past several years the St. Paul's KofC Council has organized volunteers for directing the conference parking. Anyone who buys a ticket, volunteers and participates in the parking detail will receive RESERVED SEATING. Please contact Al Gillis at adgillis2728@gmail.com if you are able to assist with parking beginning at 6:30am the day of the event.

For those not volunteering for the parking detail, carpooling or park and ride with the light rail are strongly encouraged due to the limited conference parking.

There are more details available at <http://cmfp.org/2020conference>. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Vivat Jesus!

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About the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Phoenix

Catholic Men's Fellowship is here to serve the men of the Diocese of Phoenix. We envision Catholic men linked as brothers, sharing the love of Jesus Christ. We believe that all Catholic men need to take their rightful place in their families, Church, and communities as men of God. We believe for this to happen, each Catholic man must:

- Deepen his faith and relationship with Jesus Christ
- Experience God's unconditional love through the Mass and daily prayer
- Be guided by the Holy Spirit to live his life as a man of God
- Share his faith with others

We believe that this life of faith can be strengthened, enriched and supported in Parish-based men's fellowship groups.

Birthdays—January 2020

14-Jan Conrad DeLaCruz
 16-Jan Fr. Gregory Schlarb
 22-Jan Ted Cherekos
 26-Jan Ken Long
 26-Jan Wayne Granger
 27-Jan Allen Gillis
 31-Jan Craig Cullity



2- Jan Mary Hauer
 11-Jan Gwen Miller
 11-Jan Pat Peters
 19-Jan Jane Nash
 19-Jan Amaris Salinas
 24-Jan Janet LaPlante
 28-Jan Donna Gillis
 31-Jan Michelle Bagley/Stapley

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

Name: _____

December

Campus Cleanup _____
 Christmas Altar/Church Decorating _____
 Young Men's' Conference _____
 Bishop's Good Friday Rosary _____
 2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary _____
 Donut Sunday _____
 Servers _____
 EM _____
 Lector _____
 Adoration _____
 Other: _____

January

Free Throw Contest _____
 2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary _____
 Donut Sunday _____
 Servers _____
 EM _____
 Lector _____
 Adoration _____
 Other: _____

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  New Year's Day and Solemnity of Mary	2	3	4
5  Donut Sunday	6	7	8  General Membership Meeting at 7:00 p.m.	9	10	11  Mid Year Mtg w/DD, GK, DGK, Chancellor and FS
12  Rosary at Planned Parenthood	13  Remove church decorations and lights	14	15	16	17	18
19  Donut Sunday	20  Martin Luther King Holiday	21  Officers' Meeting Rm 8 7:00 p.m.	22	23  Fourth Degree meets at St. Joseph's 7:00pm	24  Priest Appreciation Dinner	25
26  Donut Sunday	27  Semi-annual Audit held	28	29			

[Upcoming Events For January 2020](#)

Jan 01 New Year's Day and Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 Jan 05 Donut Sunday and PGK's Meeting after 9:30 a.m. Mass
 Jan 08 General Meeting 7:00 in Conference room
 Jan 11 Mid Year Meeting W/DD, GK, DGK, Chancellor and Financial Secretary/Movie "Unplanned"
 Jan 12 Rosary Sunday at Planned Parenthood
 Jan 13 Remove church decorations and lights
 Jan 18 March for Life
 Jan 19 Donut Sunday
 Jan 20 Martin Luther King Holiday
 Jan 21 Officers' meeting (**changed to Tuesday due to Martin Luther King Holiday**)
 Jan 23 Fourth Degree meets at St. Joseph's 7:00 p.m.
 Jan 26 Donut Sunday
 Jan 27 Semi-annual Audit held

[Upcoming Events For February 2020](#)

Feb 01 Diocesan Men's Conference
 Feb 02 Ground Hog Day For Punxsutawney Phil
 Feb 05 General membership meeting
 Feb 09 Rosary Sunday at Planned Parenthood
 Feb 17 President's Day
 Feb 18 Officers' meeting 7:00 p.m. Rm 8
 Feb 21 Help at Costco warehouse picking up food for picnic
 Feb 21 Fourth Degree meets at St. Joseph's 7:00 p.m.
 Feb 23 Parish Picnic—Selling raffle tickets
 Feb 26 Ash Wednesday



[Prayer to End Abortion](#)

We often discuss in the newsletters and during General Meetings the need to have Rosary Sunday, which is the second Sunday 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 Sundays 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:
Joe Gray, Larry Mackin, Gary Schulte's father,
Mike Murphy and his son Chris.*

*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,
Always keep in mind the unborn who were never given a chance of life.*

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