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January 1, 2021



SOLEMNITY

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Blessed Virgin Mary

Mother of God

January 1



Brothers—Be Not Afraid!
For I am there beside you!



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Council 15001

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We should be joyful and happy that we are ending one of the worst years of our existence for many and be thankful for those of us who have been free of the scare and scars of Coronavirus-19. We thank you God!

With some of our prayers having been answered for an immunization to help protect us from the ravages of Covid-19, how many of us have taken the time to thank our Lord for His help? It is through Him, with Him and in Him that we exist and owe our Deity our unending love and thanks.

But...will our love and thanks last into the future? Now that is truly one question which none of us can truthfully answer until some time has gone past. It will be shown by our answering the call to support our Knights, our parish and our community. Many of those things we already do with our works as Knights of Columbus. I hope that we all have learned that we need to depend on each other and help one another. Using a mask has been one of those tools. Education is another. The more we learn about issues the better prepared we will be to learn the “whole story”.

Some of us may consider the “whole story” as being “Faith in Action”, the one activity of the Knights of Columbus which each member can be a part of and either benefit from or participate in its work.

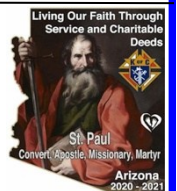
The year 2021 should be one of fun. Our mantra this next year could be “Council 15001 has more fun in 2021”. You can say it, but can you prove it? It will take each member to actively participate during this next year to help us shore us those weaknesses that occurred during our inability to do much of anything during 2020. Once again, we will be asked to participate in the Nun Run, Donut Sundays, trip to Tonopah, help the Sunshine Soccer League, Rosary at Planned Parenthood and lots of other activities.

Yes, Brother Knights, 2021 should be fun for all of Council 15001 and we hope that you are able to be a part of these events and have fun!

**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 2020-2021
The State Theme is:
Living Our Faith Through Service and Charitable Deeds**

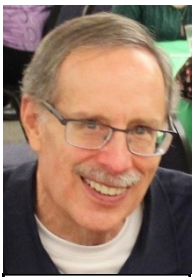


**KNIGHTS
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IN SERVICE TO ONE
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Grand Knight's Column















Grand Knight
Kirk LaPlante

Brother Knights and families of Council 15001,

First let me wish you and your family a very Happy New Year. By the time you read this we will be well into the Christmas Season...possibly on day 7th, 8th or 9th of the twelve days of Christmas.

Janet and I were involved in Marriage Encounter for over 25 years, and each year our local Marriage Encounter group held a Christmas Party. Part of the tradition was to sing (and act out in the front yard of the lucky couple hosting the party) the song **12 Days of Christmas**.

Christmas is twelve days long, beginning with Christmas day and ending with the Feast of the Epiphany. The story goes that the twelve days of gifts are symbols for catechetical learning, particularly aimed at children hoping to learn their catechism, but also serve adults in the realities of the Christian Faith. The hidden meanings are:

- 1 The Partridge in the Pear Tree is Jesus Christ* 
- 2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments 
- 3 French Hens = Faith, hope, and charity, as the principle theological virtues 
- 4 Calling Birds = the Four Gospels 
- 5 Golden Rings = The first five books of the Old Testament; the "Pentateuch," which gives the history of man's fall from grace 
- 6 Geese A-laying = the six days of creation (highlighting life) 
- 7 Swans A-swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments 
- 8 Maids A-milking = the eight beatitudes 
- 9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit 
- 10 Lords A-leaping = the Ten Commandments 
- 11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful apostles 
- 12 Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed 

*And the "1 partridge in a pear tree"? Jesus Christ, is symbolically represented by a mother partridge protecting her helpless nestlings. Luke 13:34 recounts the words of Christ:

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!

While there are many historical and logistical errors in the meaning behind the story, i.e., the lyrics have changed over time; I chose to believe the story above.

Back to KOC business...who know when things will get back to "normal." As you know, the number of COVID cases in Arizona have skyrocketed in December...up 50% from the peak last summer; a high of 5,452 on June 29th and 8,245 on December 14th. So for now, back to virtual meetings and no "official KOC events."

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Some exciting news – in a year that has seen HUGE changes in the way we conduct business, KOC Supreme has published guidelines to revise how we conduct Council and Officers Meetings. I will introduce the new formats during our January Council Meeting on January 6th. As the Order moves forward in the coming months and years, the new format promises to streamline our meetings, making them more relevant and hopefully more enjoyable for you.

One last item, Janet and I were truly blessed this Christmas season to be able to share Council 15001's generosity with the Jones family; father, mother and three adorable girls ages 15, 6 and 5. Recall we voted to participate in St Vincent de Paul's Christmas Adopt-A-Family allocating \$400 for gifts. Well, Janet spent \$399.11 ... Ho Ho Ho. We enjoyed buying, wrapping and most of all delivering the gifts to the well deserving family!!!! This Council added Christmas cheer to this family....thank you!!!!

God bless you and your families!

Kirk LaPlante, GK Council 15001



On Monday, December 21st, Fr. Bruno approved parishioners and staff to decorate the Church after the 12 noon Mass. Monday's decorations focused on assembling the Creche and hanging the large Christmas wreaths in the Church. The Poinsettias, flowers and final touches were all completed on Wednesday December 23rd after the noon Mass.



While this was not an official KOC Council event, those Brothers who were able and also felt they were comfortable assisting, made Fr. Bruno very happy and he was ever so grateful! Everyone was reminded and requested to please observe recommended COVID protocols.

The new creche was constructed by one of our brother members SK Alberto Vela, who is also a member of the parish staff.



Fr. Bitrus Maigamo, PhD

A Message From Our State Deputy

Mario Vassallo

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Your local Knights of Columbus Council has a special request this Christmas season of all Brother Knights and parishioners in our caring Parish. It is a request for your charity and assistance because it is a matter of urgency.

Father Bitrus Maigamo, PhD is a highly-regarded Catholic priest from Nigeria who has studied for years in Rome. He has recently been assisting the Diocese of Phoenix in several capacities, including working with priests in parish ministries. Father Bitrus is currently assigned to St. Paul's Parish in Phoenix. At this very moment, Father is a candidate for an immediate kidney transplant at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, and has been receiving dialysis treatment during the last seven months.

Father Bitrus is the subject of a very special request by your Council of the Knights of Columbus. Father has now reached a level of high risk on the transplant list at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale. He has been advised by the Clinic that his kidney must be replaced soon. Your Council is requesting your personal assistance in securing a kidney for Father Maigamo. Please consider what the gift of a kidney would have for Father and our Catholic Church, both in the United States and in Africa. If Father Bitrus can recover from this disease through a kidney transplant, he can return to Africa to counsel and teach new seminarians, a position for which he has been selected by numerous Bishops in Africa. All priests are special, and Father Bitrus is certainly special.

If for one reason or another you cannot provide one of your kidneys to Father Maigamo, please pray for him and those working on his behalf. We will need large amounts of prayer to achieve this worthwhile goal. And tell everyone you know about this important effort by the Knights of Columbus.

If you would like further information, please call Anthony Weber at (928) 301-0801. Please leave a message indicating your interest in helping Father Maigamo.

God bless us and help us in this endeavor.



FAITH



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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF PHOENIX

December 8, 2020

Knights of Columbus Council #15001
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Dear Knights of Columbus Council #15001,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,000.00 for the formation of our seminarians. I am so grateful for your ongoing support to the Diocese of Phoenix and for your love and care of our future priests.

The object of forming seminarians is “to make them true shepherds of souls after the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, teacher, priest, and shepherd” (*Optatam Totius*, Decree on Priestly Training). Thank you for your dedication and support.

Please continue to pray for our seminarians and priests here in our Diocese and that many more will respond with courage to the Lord’s call in their lives.

Thank you again for your generosity and please be assured of my prayers for you and your family. May the Lord bless you with His love and mercy.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas J. Olmsted".

+Thomas J. Olmsted
Bishop of Phoenix

*This letter is simply an expression of gratitude for your generosity.
A tax statement will be issued at year’s end as required by the Internal Revenue Service.*

ENCOUNTERING THE LIVING CHRIST

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Feast of the Epiphany & blessing your home.

We invite you to adopt this custom in your family. The family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 21. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2021 is the year.



Blessing the Chalk *V. Our help is the name of the Lord: R. The maker of heaven and earth. V. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in: R. From this time forth for evermore. Let us pray.*

Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 21 while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son

who became human two thousand and twenty one years ago.

May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year.

Amen.



Then offer the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord,

this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest

your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch.

May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you;

guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace,

O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."

Despair in the ICU with COVID-19 and then hope for life and a message for 2021

On the third night in the intensive care unit, Zani Pacanza believed he would die. Alone in his dark room, he prayed for a peaceful end to his life.

Ten days earlier, in early November, he hadn't felt well. In more innocent times, it wouldn't have been a big deal. But with news of COVID-19 surging in Oregon, he drove to the hospital for a test.

Three days later, he learned he was positive. He was told to rest and isolate. Even then he wasn't worried. He was 41 and in excellent health.

Like a snowstorm that starts with few flakes before shutting down the city, his aches turned into chills and then fever. Days after getting his test, Pacanza had a hard time breathing. He asked a friend to drive him to the emergency room at McMinnville's Willamette Valley Medical Center.

Tests revealed his oxygen levels were dangerously low, and he was hustled to a private room in the intensive care unit. He felt as if he were drowning and he coughed up blood, a sign the virus had damaged his lungs. He was hooked up to a respirator and treated with Remdesivir, an antiviral drug. Morphine was administered for pain, and anti-anxiety drugs for nerves.

On night three, he hit bottom and prayed: *All my life I tried to be a good person, to love you and my neighbors. If you want to take me now, do so quietly so I not suffer.*

Visit any ICU in any hospital in the United States and you find people of faith, no faith or those somewhere in between reaching out to a higher power for comfort.

But this man was different. He was the Rev. Zani Pacanza, who leads St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Yamhill and Mission San Martin de Porres in Dayton. "There was a darkness in my soul," said Father Zani. "I felt helpless."

That brutal truth would shock his parishioners.

"They look to me as a pillar of faith and strength," he said. "They come to me for advice and guidance."

On that third night in the ICU, Father Zani was simply a man fighting to stay alive.

Better now, he is slowly healing and has resumed his role as a priest.

"But this experience," he said, "has absolutely changed me spiritually."

In many ways, COVID-19 and faith are similar as they are invisible, manifested in ourselves for all to see.

Father Zani does not know how he was infected.

When the virus showed up in Oregon, Father Zani followed all social distancing regulations. Churches were closed. He led the Easter service online. Later, church attendance was allowed, but with fewer people. He led Mass again, but he and others in the church wore masks and maintained distance. He led a Mass Nov. 1, went on a wine tour Nov. 2 and hiked to Multnomah Falls on Nov. 4.

Then he fell ill.

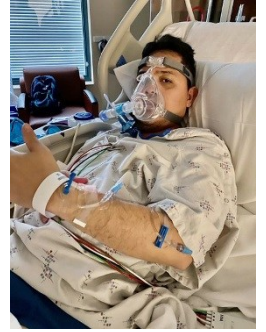
In the ICU he had what he describes as "one-on-one" conversations with God, much different than the ones he's had while preparing a Mass or counseling parishioners.

"I wasn't mad at Him," said Father Zani. "If He wanted to take me, I just wanted him to do so. I did not want to suffer anymore."

Long ago, Father Zani had prepared a Do Not Resuscitate order, now in the hands of his doctors. The hospital chaplain learned of it and went to Father Zani's room on day 4.

"She wanted to know what I was thinking," said Father Zani. "She told me not to give up. She told me I was so young." The priest was not giving up. But his experience in the ICU had crystallized the meaning of his personal faith and what it means to live it.

"Life here on Earth, for all of us, is temporary," said Father Zani. "We are all on a pilgrimage. I believe the final destination is heaven. If God was to take me, I did not want to extend my life on Earth."



His body battled COVID-19 for 15 days, and he spent eight of those days in the ICU.

“I thought about all the people in the world who had COVID,” he said.

Months earlier the virus had been theoretical for Father Zani. Now, it being personal, he prayed with a new understanding:

Lord, this is so painful. I can't imagine the others in pain with me. You could not escape your suffering. You were tortured and died on the cross. This is my participation in the suffering of the world, and in your suffering.

Now out of the hospital and back to leading mass, Father Zani is shaping a message he has long believed, but now understands in ways that take it beyond words on a page to be read to others.

“One way or another,” he said, “we will all suffer as long as we are on Earth as it is an imperfect life. One of my realities is that it’s easy to be positive when there are no problems.

“It’s easy to pray, be happy and say hallelujah,” he said. “But when the going gets tough, and then even tougher, where do you find inspiration? Who do you become in a crisis? Are you angry, mad at the world and God? Or do you try and stay positive.”

In the ICU, Father Zani thought of the story of Job in the Old Testament.

“He was a good man who had everything and then God allowed it to be taken away,” said Father Zani. “He got sick, he lost his family and property. He questioned God. But he said ‘naked I came into this world and naked I will leave this world.’ In the ICU, that’s what I was thinking about. It was a reality for me.”

Before he fell ill, Father Zani said he considered himself alone in the world.

“I am a priest,” he said. “I don’t have a family, a wife or kids. That was one of my prayers. I told God that if someone was supposed to die, I was willing for Him to take me instead of someone with a family.”

While in the hospital, Father Zani used Facebook to let his parishioners know he was sick.

“I believe God allows good things to happen out of bad,” said Father Zani. “Once I made that post, I received tons of messages from people I’ve not heard of in years. From other countries, from the Philippines, where I was born. There were messages from people praying for me, worried about me and wishing me well.

“There was so much love circulating through my sickness,” he said. “The goodness in the heart of people came flooding to me. I may not have family, but I realized I have a spiritual family. Intellectually I knew that, but now it’s on an emotional level. ”

Coming that close to death changed Father Zani. He believes he is more relatable to those who turn to him as a spiritual guide in their own life and faith journey.

“They see me as a man,” he said. “They saw me in one photo in my hospital gown with my backside exposed.

They saw my vulnerability. I am a priest, their priest, but I am also one of them. ”As the year drew to a close, Father Zani crafted his annual Christmas message with the goal of also giving people a roadmap for 2021.

“This year has been very dark,” he said. “The pandemic, the killing of Black people by police, the protests and riots, the political divide and the next wave of the virus. It’s been a year filled with tragedy after tragedy.”

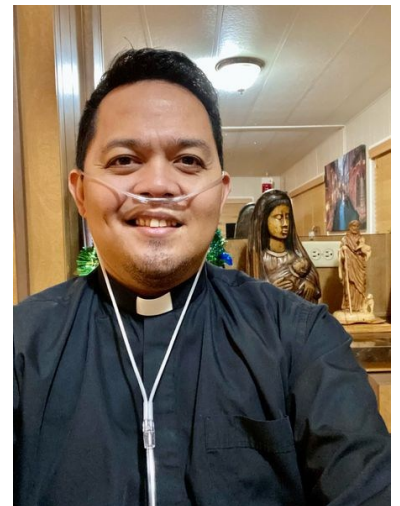
Yet for those who believe, he said this season is a reminder of the presence of God.

“We have reason for joy,” he said. “This, too, will pass. That alone is a sign of hope.”

No one, he said, will be the same person as they were in 2019.

Father Zani no longer starts his day with an elaborate prayer.

“Now I wake up and give thanks that I’m alive,” he said. “All of us take that for granted. I give thanks for just waking up.”



Father Zani still uses a portable oxygen tank, but is back leading mass and guiding those in his parish.



John VanCuyk

Dear Brother Knights, (This Item Will Be Published Monthly Until We Achieve 100% Participation)

I am sending this email in reference to the S.E.T course that was to have been completed by the end of OCTOBER. Unlike last year, there will be no personal questions such as your social security number.

You can simply do the course on-line. However, if you did not take the course last year, you can go to the foundation part. Put in your information and you're ready to go. If you did take the course, you can simply go to the renewal option.

I noticed that some of you have moved to another parish and you have not become a part of that KofC Council. If you wish to transfer, please let me know so that I can remove your name from my files. Also, if you not wish to continue to be involved with the Knights, please let me know that also.

The web site to get on-line is: <https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org/>

Should you have any questions about how to sign onto the site, please feel free to contact Joseph Castellarin at: IT@stpaulsphoenix.org. He will be more than happy to help walk you through the process.

God bless and God bless America.

VIVAT, JESUS,

[John Van Cuyk](#)

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[Ready, S.E.T. Go!](#)

Listed below will be the steps to get you into the S.E.T Training Program.

- 1) Go To your Search Engine (Internet Explorer, Firefox Mozilla, etc.)
- 2) www.stpaulsphoenix.org.ministries
- 3) Choose Ministries
- 4) On the drop down menu - Choose S.E.T.
- 5) Choose renewal instructions
- 6) Print instructions
- 7) Follow instructions

Please complete your S.E.T Training asap and send me a copy of your certificate. My e-mail address is: jivancuyk@gmail.com

For those Brothers who have already completed the course, Thank you.

Any questions, feel free to contact me or call the St. Paul's office.

Vivat, Jesus

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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: MOST REVEREND KEVIN C. RHOADES
BISHOP OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND
CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON DOCTRINE

MOST REVEREND JOSEPH F. NAUMANN
ARCHBISHOP OF KANSAS CITY
CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: VACCINES FOR COVID-19

DATE: 20 NOVEMBER 2020

Neither the Pfizer nor the Moderna vaccine involved the use of cell lines that originated in fetal tissue taken from the body of an aborted baby at any level of design, development, or production.¹ They are not completely free from any connection to abortion, however, as both Pfizer and Moderna made use of a tainted cell line for one of the confirmatory lab tests of their products. There is thus a connection, but it is relatively remote.

Some are asserting that if a vaccine is connected in any way with tainted cell lines then it is immoral to be vaccinated with them. This is an inaccurate portrayal of Catholic moral teaching.

There are three documents from the Holy See that treat the question of tainted vaccines: 1) the 2005 study by the Pontifical Academy for Life, "Moral Reflections on Vaccines Prepared from Cells Derived from Aborted Human Foetuses"; 2) paragraphs nos. 34-35 in the 2008 Instruction on Certain Bioethical Questions (*Dignitatis Personae*) by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; 3) the 2017 Note on Italian Vaccine Issue, by the Pontifical Academy for Life.

These documents all point to the immorality of using tissue taken from an aborted child for creating cell lines. They also make distinctions in terms of the moral responsibility of the various actors involved, from those involved in designing and producing a vaccine to those receiving the vaccine. Most importantly, they all make it clear that, at the level of the recipient, it is morally permissible to accept vaccination when there are no alternatives and there is a serious risk to health.

¹ See the chart provided by the Charlotte Lozier Institute: [COVID-19-Vaccine-Candidates-and-Abortion-Derived-Cell-Lines.pdf](https://www.lozierinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/COVID-19-Vaccine-Candidates-and-Abortion-Derived-Cell-Lines.pdf) (pcdn.co).

The Pontifical Academy for Life gives as an example the case of rubella (German measles): "We find, in such a case, a *proportional reason*, in order to accept the use of these vaccines in the presence of the danger of favouring the spread of the pathological agent, due to the lack of vaccination of children. This is particularly true in the case of vaccination against German measles."²

The Pontifical Academy does call for appropriate expressions of protest against the origins of these vaccines as well as for vigorous efforts to promote the creation of alternatives. "There remains a moral duty to continue to fight and to employ every lawful means in order to make life difficult for the pharmaceutical industries which act unscrupulously and unethically." The Pontifical Academy adds, however, that public health must not be sacrificed. "The burden of this important battle cannot and must not fall on innocent children and on the health situation of the population."

² Pontifical Academy for Life, "Moral Reflections on Vaccines," (9 June 2005) in *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 6:3 (2006): 541-49, especially n. 16.

THANK YOU TO ALL PARISHIONERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR RECENT BLOOD DRIVE.



The results of this blood drive are shown in this letter to Jim Soderlund and Jerry Surdakowski, Knights of Columbus and our Blood Drive Coordinators:

"The results are in and you exceeded goal. You had 32 people through interview resulting in 30 successful donations of which three people did a power red and one person did a plasma. This brings your results to 103% of both procedure and product goal. Please forward my gratitude to all who came out to donate and helped open up the hall to make it happen. And thank you both for your continued efforts in getting donors signed up to come in and donate. "

St. Paul's next blood drive is tentatively scheduled for March 21st.

Janet Pearson, Donor Recruitment Representative of Vitalent



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While these are the foundation tools of the Knights of Columbus, it still takes Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism to round out a Council as fully as possible.

Brothers, please fill out this form and turn in to the Financial Secretary, Jack Swartz, before January 31st.

ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY

JANUARY 1, 20 THRU DECEMBER 31, 20

COUNCIL NUMBER JURISDICTION

Section I. Fraternal Program Activities

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b. Family Formation Programs	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
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d. Family Week	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
e. Family Prayer Night	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
f. Miscellaneous Family Programs	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES <small>(where applicable)</small>		
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c. Habitat for Humanity	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
d. Disaster Preparedness/Relief	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
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g. Hospitals/Health Organizations	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
h. Columbian Squires	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
i. Scouting/Youth Groups	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
j. Athletics	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
k. Youth Welfare/Service	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
l. Scholarships/Education	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
m. Veteran Military/VAVS	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
n. Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
TOTAL COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS	0	0
LIFE ACTIVITIES <small>(where applicable)</small>		
a. Special Olympics	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
b. Marches for Life	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
c. Ultrasound Initiative	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
d. Pregnancy Support	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
e. Christian Refugee Relief	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
f. Memorials to Unborn Children	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
g. Miscellaneous Life Activities	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
TOTAL LIFE CONTRIBUTIONS	0	0
TOTAL	0	0

Section II. Fraternal Commitment Activities

MEETINGS	
1. Regular	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
2. Social	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
3. Special/Committee	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
TOTAL MEETINGS	0
OTHER FRATERNAL COMMITMENTS:	
Visits to the Sick	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
Visits to the Bereaved	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
Number of Blood Donations	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
Masses Held for Members	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
Hours of Fraternal Service to Sick/Disabled Members and their Families	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>

All information provided on this report is to be from Programs & Activities conducted January 1st through December 31st annually.
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Grand Knight	Date
Member #	
Financial Secretary	Date
Member #	



ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY

Section I. Fraternal Program Activities

FAITH ACTIVITIES

- a. **RSVP Program** - direct contributions to students studying to become priests or postulants.
- b. **Church Facilities** - construction, repairs, remodeling, memorial gifts, etc.
- c. **Catholic Schools/Seminaries** - donations, grants, equipment, etc.
- d. **Religious/Vocations Education** - scholarships, CCD, lay apostolate, programs, speakers, films, program materials, etc.
- e. **Prayer & Study Programs** - direct contributions to prayer groups, faith program materials, domestic church kiosk, rosary program, Marian Icon program, etc.
- f. **Sacramental Gifts** - costs related to gifts presented to congregation.
- g. **Miscellaneous Faith Activities** - all other disbursements not outline above relating to Faith Activities.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- a. **Food for Families** - direct contributions to food banks, pantries, soup kitchens.
- b. **Family Formation Programs** - Family Fully Alive, Family of the Month/Year, Consecration to the Holy Family, Good Friday Family Promotion, etc.
- c. **Keep Christ in Christmas** - all contributions to KCIC, Journey to the Inn, Light Up for Christ, Christmas Poster Contest, billboard signs, etc.
- d. **Family Week** - direct contributions to the coordination, promotion, and conduct of this program.
- e. **Family Prayer Night** - direct contributions to coordination and execution of this program.
- f. **Miscellaneous Family Programs** - all other disbursements not outline above relating to Family Activities.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- a. **Coats For Kids** - direct contributions to purchasing and distribution of coats to those in need.
- b. **Global Wheelchair Mission** - direct contributions to purchasing and coordination of wheelchair distribution to the needy.
- c. **Habitat for Humanity** - direct contributions to Habitat for Humanity projects, materials, tools, and construction.
- d. **Disaster Preparedness/Relief** - direct contributions to planning and executing disaster preparedness and response, food, water, equipment, etc.
- e. **Physically Disabled/Intellectual Disabilities** - direct contributions to schools, care services, organizations, etc.
- f. **Elderly/Widow(er) Care** - direct contributions to homes for the aged, retired/senior volunteer programs, construction, repairs, remodeling, gifts, etc.
- g. **Hospitals/Health Organizations** - direct contributions to Red Cross, Hospice, heart/cancer funds, equipment, construction, donations, etc.
- h. **Columbian Squires** - direct contributions to the operations and support of the Columbian Squires program.
- i. **Scouting/Youth Groups** - direct contributions to sponsorship, volunteer efforts, projects, 4-H, Big Brothers, CYO, mentoring, etc.
- j. **Athletics** - direct contributions to council sport events, youth sport sponsorships, equipment, transportation, etc.
- k. **Youth Welfare/Service** - direct contributions to substance/child abuse, foster parents, etc.
- l. **Scholarships/Education** - direct contributions to career nights, essay contests, scholarships, tuition, fund raising, etc.
- m. **Veteran Military/VAVS** - direct contributions to veterans, VA hospital support/visitation, memorials, parades, etc.
- n. **Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities** - all other disbursements not outline above relating to Community Activities.

LIFE ACTIVITIES

- a. **Special Olympics** - direct contributions to local, state, and national events.
- b. **Marches for Life** - direct contributions to local, state, and nation marches.
- c. **Ultrasound Initiative** - direct contributions to the purchase and placement of Ultrasound machines for crisis pregnancy centers.
- d. **Pregnancy Support** - direct contributions to donations, diapers, supplies, baby showers, birthright, etc.
- e. **Christian Refugee Relief** - direct contributions to aid provided to refugee relief, Solidarity Crosses.
- f. **Memorials to Unborn Children** - direct contributions to purchases, fund raisers, donations, construction, etc.
- g. **Miscellaneous Life Activities** - all other disbursements not outline above relating to Life Activities.

Section II. Fraternal Commitment Activities

MEETINGS

1. **Business** - discussing or conducting business.
2. **Social** - dinners, dances, parties, etc.
3. **Special/Committee** - lectures, films, educational, etc.

Christmas Banners

GK Kirk LaPlante supervising the setting up for displaying our Council Advent banners along Coral Gables Ave., with the help of parish maintenance worker Chris Miller.



Christmas Lights Events Captain John Van Cuyk and several other officers of the Council had discussed hanging the Christmas lights on campus on Saturday December 12th. Sadly, due to Covid, we were not able to make this a KOC Council event; however, John led a group of parishioners including PGK John Blome, Frank Dzielak, Mike Hobaica, Greg Huelskamp, Don Kolb, GK Kirk LaPlante, Alberto Vela, along with two Boy Scouts, to ensure the campus was well decorated.

Passing of a Knight

One of our Council members. Bill Porter, passed way recently and on Thursday December 10th, a funeral was held at St. Paul Church. Sadly, only a total of 18 people showed up for the Mass—possibly due to being a weekday or even due to the sudden ramping up of Covid cases now occurring. Whatever the reason, it was sad to see so few people come and pay their last respects to a Council member. In the future, we would hope that our Brother Knights take more interest and come pay their respects to a departed Brother Knight.

St. Paul Staff Presented With Christmas Cheer!

On of the more joyful aspects of being a Grand Knight is the ability to give to others, from myself or from the Council. On Monday, December 21st, I found myself able to provide checks to the staff of St. Paul's church. These hard working individuals provide the necessary items and means for us all to enjoy the weekly bulletin, the set up of campus surroundings and event taking place on the campus. So, we again thank all of these wonderful individuals and wish them a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Picture, l. to r., DGK Francis Abijaoude, Karen Ruggles, Chris Miller, Joe Castellarin, SK Alberto Vela and GK Kirk LaPlante. The missing staff member is Kathy Williams, who was ill that day. The checks presented were a gift from the Council!



Kirk LaPlante GK

Insurance

In 2018, the Knights of Columbus (K of C), a Best's Review Top 50 U.S. Life/Health Insurer^[1], 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 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 life-time death benefit protection as long as this rider is active.



Ron Franzluebbbers, 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.

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Birthdays—January 2021

10-Jan	David Romano
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



02- Jan	Mary Hauer
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

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

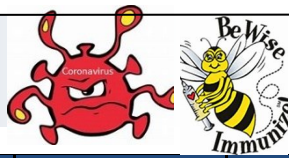
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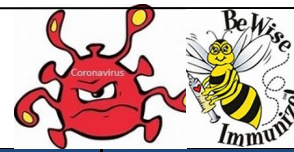
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 Bishop's Rosary _____
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 EM _____
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 Adoration _____
 Other: _____

January

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



January 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Years Day 	2
3	4	5	6 General Meeting in O'Carroll Hall at 7:00 p.m.	7	8	9
10 Rosary at Planned Parenthood 	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 	19 Officers' Meeting RM 8 at 7:00 p.m. (Date changed due to MLK Holiday)	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Semiannual Audit 	27	28	29	30/31

[Upcoming Events For January/February 2021](#) [Listing of events currently available](#)

- Jan 01 New Years Day
- Jan 06 General Meeting
- Jan 10 PPR (TBD) & Annual Meeting of PGK's
- Jan 18 Martin Luther King Day
- Jan 19 Officers' Meeting (Due to Martin Luther King Holiday)
- Jan 26 Semi-annual Audit

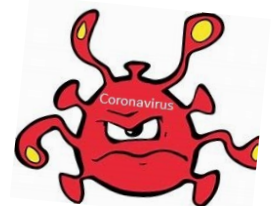
When the chance arises



- Feb 02 Groundhog Day
- Feb 03 General Meeting
- Feb 12 Planned Parenthood Rosary (TBD)
- Feb 16 Officers' Meeting
- Feb 17 Ash Wednesday
- Feb 19 First Friday of Lent
- Feb 26 Host Lenten Supper (TBD)



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 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:

*Gary & Dema Schulte, Fr. Mark Aune,
Mike & Chris Murphy, Collette Thompson, Rick Razzano,
Colin Russell, Chuck Kime, Cecile Calderon, Ave Marie Leonard,
Diane Russell, Carol Dzielak, Nadine Swartz,
Bob and Martha Caseldine, Georgette Wayne and Malek Abijaoude.*

*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

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