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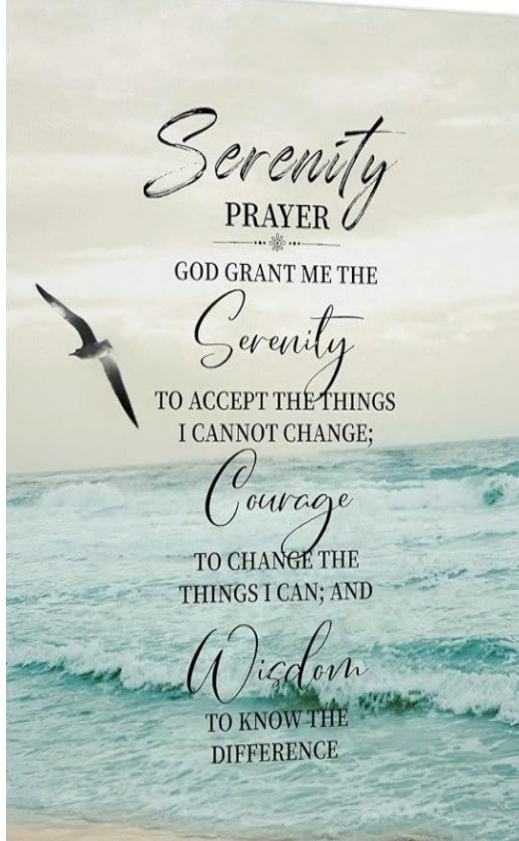
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“God hears our prayers on all occasions, whether we’re praying out loud or we are praying silently in our hearts and minds.

After all, He knows all about us and knows what is going on inside us—both good and bad. The Bible says that God sees ‘our innermost thoughts and desires’ (Hebrews 4:12).

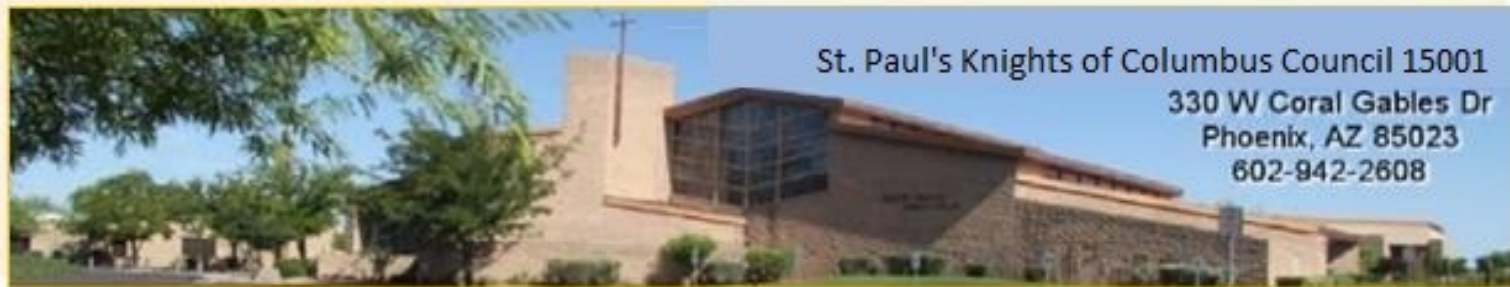
The Bible also says, ‘The Lord detests evil plans, but he delights in pure words’ (Proverbs 15:26).



“God even hears our prayers when we can’t even put them into words—times, for example, when our hearts are too burdened or confused even to speak.

The Bible says, ‘the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express’ (Romans 8:26).

“One of God’s greatest gifts to us is the privilege of prayer—a privilege that is possible because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. Thank God for the privilege of prayer and learn daily to ‘Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you’ (1 Peter 5:7).”



July 2025

Council 15001

Your Officers for 2024-2025

Grand Knight.....Ed Fischer, GK
 Chaplain.....Fr. Dindo “Bruno” Cuario
 Asst. Chap.....TBD
 Deputy Grand Knight.....John Blome PGK
 Chancellor.....Rick Smith
 Financial Secretary.....Kirk LaPlante, PGK
 Treasurer.....Phil Tabbita, PGK
 Trustee 3 yr.....Charley Billingsley, PGK
 Trustee 2 yr.....Daniel McGinn PGK
 Trustee 1 yr.....Francis Abijaoude PGK
 Advocate.....Al Gillis, PGK
 Recorder.....Michael Hobaica
 Warden.....Artie Hauer
 Inside Guard.....Tom Roggenkamp
 Outside Guard (1).....Manuel Flores
 Outside Guard (2).....Richard Rael

Appointed Officers

Lecturer.....Appointed by the Grand Knight
 Info. Technical Director.....Nelson Mayo
 Newsletter Editor/Publisher..Tom Karl PGK
 Editorial Assistant.....Ted Cherekos
 Knights Website.....John Blome, PGK
 4th Degree Coordinator...Gary Schulte, PGK

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

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 IN SERVICE TO ONE
 IN SERVICE TO ALL

Peace and tranquility would be a great way to start off any new Fraternal Year, so why don't we think about doing that! Peace is always sought after as a refuge for our feelings of discomfort. While searching, we remain in a state of turmoil; but if we are able to transcend our thoughts towards God, then we find tranquility.

So, how do we go about finding peace and tranquility? This is not a test—rather it is a means to think about what we do each day that can improve our lives. When we go out and help someone in need, we find an inner peace comes freely into our own selves. We get an inner glow that may last an entire day. This is a time when we may find tranquility—that calm and total quiet presence.

Many times, we as Knights have helped others in need—whether it be during one of our parish functions such as Bingo or Donut Sunday; it is so rewarding when we see others enjoying the fruits of our labor. This also goes on when we serve in the church as an usher or help to prepare things for others to serve on the altar. We see this too when members are in the choir or a reader/lector at Mass.

Many times in the past I have mentioned about going out to visit those who are sick or in distress. We need to keep in mind that others may be suffering while we are enjoying ourselves without any difficulties in our lives. While you are sitting there with no problem presenting difficulties, then this is the time you need to start thinking of others and making a plan to assist others.

We have always been admirable in attending funerals and showing our support for our Brothers or wives who have gone before us, but did we willingly help those before they were gone when we knew they were having difficulties?

Many times we do find that prayer can bring an inner peace which leads to some form of tranquility. Do you, as a Knight, say your rosary to our Blessed Mother more than once a month or week or even once a day? When you recite the rosary, you should feel peace because you pushed aside all other worries so that you would be able to concentrate on the prayers.

For Fraternal Year 2025-2026

**The State Theme is:
 With Rejoicing Hearts**



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Grand Knight's Report
Fraternal Year Kickoff Message
Vivat Jesus!



Brother Knights,

Ed Fischer, GK

Happy Summer! I am honored and humbled to serve as your Grand Knight as we begin this new fraternal year. I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself and share some of the vision for the year ahead.

My wife Lisa and I met in college. She's a third-generation Arizonan who grew up in Moon Valley and has been a member of St. Paul Parish since its founding. We celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary last October and are blessed with two adult children, Grae (23) and Michael (21).

I've been an active Knight for nine years and became a Fourth Degree Knight last year. I initially joined because I admired the way the Knights brought our parish community together—especially through pancake breakfasts and other after-Mass events. These simple gatherings foster fellowship in a way few other ministries do. Over time, my purpose has grown. Today, I am a Knight because I want to grow in faith alongside each of you. I also want to help preserve and honor the legacy of our Brother Knights who have passed. While our reward is in heaven, funeral Masses and memorial events allow us to show others our appreciation for their service and to inspire those of us still on the journey.

As your Grand Knight, I hope to hear your story, too: [**Why are you a Knight?**](#)

The Year Ahead

We are entering a new Fraternal Year—but many things will remain familiar. Together, we'll continue to serve our parish and community with a full calendar of meaningful events, including:

- 12+ Pro-Life Rosary events
- 9 Donut Sundays
- 8 BINGO nights
- 3 blood drives
- Volunteer support for the Nun Run, Arizona Rosary Celebration, and Ladies High Tea
- Attendance at Laugh4Hope benefitting Life Choices Women's Clinics and the Hope Mobile
- Fellowship with seminarians and visits with the Desert Nuns
- Recognition of families through our Family of the Month program
- Remembrance of our deceased brothers through memorial Masses and our annual Memorial Mass

This year also brings a special celebration—our parish's 50th Jubilee. We will play an active role in supporting the parish-wide celebration, including the **High Mass in January celebrated by Bishop John** during our annual Feast of St. Paul weekend. The celebration will also include a **Grand Procession of the St. Paul Relic** and a **9-day Novena and Benediction** leading up to the Parish Feast Day.

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What's New

While our fraternal year will feel familiar, you'll notice two enhancements to our Council life:

Lecturer Reflections:

We will include brief reflections from brother Knights—and occasionally guest speakers—on their personal faith journey. This will deepen our fraternity and spiritual life. (Note: External guests will present before or after the formal meeting.)

Fraternity and Engagement:

We'll focus on helping one another—especially new Knights—find joy and fulfillment through service and fraternity. Ask yourself: How many meetings do you attend? If it's fewer than 8, challenge yourself to attend more. How many events do you support? If it's fewer than 3, try lending a hand.

Let's grow the brotherhood—your presence matters.

When you step up to serve, you'll not only support our mission, you'll find yourself enriched in ways you didn't expect. As so many have said, *we often receive more from volunteering than we give.*

Thank you for the trust you've placed in me. I look forward to a great year of faith, service, and fraternity.

Vivat Jesus!

Ed Fischer
Grand Knight '25-'26, St. Paul's Council 15001
Ed Fischer (efischer6@gmail.com)

Welcome Gabriel Mayo.

Gabriel has also been involved with our parish for years. We know his parents, Wilma and Nelson Mayo. Gabriel is a young man who joins us as an IT Technician for St. Paul. Currently Gabe has been helping us with streaming our Masses for Sunday as well as a few requested funerals and weddings.

As technology changes almost daily, we find ourselves outdated with our programs and what we become used to is no longer efficient as it could be.

Joe Castellarin helped us a great deal and we miss him.

It's time to bring Gabriel in and get us up to speed. Gabriel brings with him an Associates in General Studies (Science), Associate in Applied Science in Web Development.

Gabriel also completed a Certification Program for the Cisco Certified Network Associate.



I'm not an IT Guy, but I have great confidence in Gabriel's ability to keep us running.

Thank you, Jojo, for stepping in to help where needed.

Gabriel will work closely with JoJo regarding the sound room/technical stuff for the church.

He is responsible for our campus security and troubleshooting desktop issues.

Gabriel's schedule will also include attending weekend liturgies for technical purposes, streaming and sound as needed.

He will also join us on Monday morning for our regular staff meetings.

His additional in-office hours will also be flexible and once established, shared with the staff.



A Knight In Heaven

It is with heavy hearts that I share the sad news of the passing of our Brother Knight, **Bob Benincasa**. Bob's wife, Marisa, had informed us that he passed away on May 14th.

Our deepest condolences go out to Marisa and Bob's entire family during this difficult time. Bob was a dedicated husband, father, and a valued member of our community. His obituary highlights a life full of love and service, which is truly inspiring. You can read his obituary here: <https://www.azcentral.com/obituaries/pazs1186334>



As a Council, we will be honoring Brother Bob's memory. The Knights of Columbus will arrange for **two Holy Masses to be offered at St. Paul's** for the repose of his soul. We will provide details on these Masses once they are scheduled.

Please keep Bob's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Vivat Jesus!

Charley Billingsley, PGK Council 15001

What Do The Knights Do?



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thanks to the support of our St. Paul community, your St. Paul Knights were able to financially support the following charities:

- Life Choices Women's Clinic • Phoenix Diocesan Seminary • Our Lady of Solitude Monastery and the Poor Clare Sisters of Perpetual Adoration
- Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus • St. Paul Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul
 - St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Family • GCU Newman Center
 - Matthew 19:14 Project • Sunshine Soccer League • OCIC Coloring Books



FAITH



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FAMILY



LIFE

A GCU Newman donation

By: Charley Billingsley Grand Knight 2024-25/Kirk LaPlante PGK

St. Paul Council Knights presented a check for \$938 to the Holy Spirit Newman Center at Grand Canyon University Wednesday, June 25th before the 6 p.m. Mass. From left are: Past Grand Knight Tom Russell, Grand Knight 2024-25 Charley Billingsley, Fr. David Loeffler (Council 15001 member), Brother Roel Zamora, Past Grand Knight Kirk LaPlante, Sr. Lucie Clare SCTJM, Brother Steve Pettit, Brother Richard Rael, Brother Manny Flores and Past Grand Knight Francis Abijaoude.



A Visit That Stirred the Soul: Knights Witness Faith Flourish at Holy Spirit Newman Center

Recently, on Wednesday June 25th, eight dedicated brothers from Knights of Columbus Council 15001 – Grand Knight Charley Billingsley, Francis Abijaoude, Manny Flores, Richard Rael, Steve Pettit, Tom Russell, Roel Zamora, and Kirk LaPlante – all were embarked on a deeply enriching visit to the Holy Spirit Newman Center.

What began as a formal presentation of our Council's donation quickly transformed into a heartwarming experience of vibrant faith and community.

Upon our arrival, Grand Knight Billingsley had the honor of presenting Father David Loeffler and Sister Lucie Clare with our Council's donation, as a gesture of our commitment to supporting the vital work of the Newman Center.

Following this, Sister Lucie Clare graciously led us on a tour of their current facility. The Center, housed in a rather modest older home, directly across the street from Grand Canyon University, belies the immense spiritual growth it fosters. Despite its humble size, the warmth and devotion within its walls were palpable.

After our brief tour, we were invited to join the students for Holy Mass. What unfolded was a truly memorable experience. Father David celebrated Holy Mass in a manner that was both unique and deeply reverent, facing the Tabernacle and then incorporating a significant amount of Latin. For many of us, this celebration evoked fond memories of the Traditional Latin Mass (TLM).

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The beauty of the Traditional Latin Mass lies not just in its ancient language, but in its profound sense of continuity with many centuries of Catholic worship. Its rich history, dating back to the earliest days of the Church, speaks to a timeless reverence. It's a form of liturgy where every gesture, every word, every sacred silence is meticulously designed to elevate the soul towards God. The focus is undeniably Christ-centric, with the Crucifix typically positioned above the Tabernacle, drawing all eyes and hearts to the sacrificial presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist. This distinct orientation towards the altar and the sacred often fosters a deeper sense of adoration and humility, transforming the Mass into a true encounter with the Divine. It's no wonder that younger families, seeking spiritual depth and tradition, are increasingly drawn to this ancient form of worship.

During the Mass, the reverence of the young people present was striking. Many knelt devoutly while receiving the host of Holy Communion, a powerful testament to their faith and understanding of the Real Presence. It was very inspiring to witness such total devotion among the next generation of Catholics.

Following Mass, the sense of community continued to blossom as we gathered in the kitchen and front room of the Newman Center.

The growth of the Holy Spirit Newman Center is nothing short of miraculous. From a humble beginning with around 40 attendees at Sunday Mass, they now regularly welcome over 200. This incredible expansion has necessitated moving the Mass outside into their front yard, with the congregation often spilling into the street.

To accommodate this burgeoning community, the Newman Center is actively fundraising for a new, larger building. They have already secured the land and an impressive \$5 million towards the estimated \$15 million required for construction.

Our visit left us deeply moved and invigorated. It was a very powerful reminder of the Holy Spirit's work, transforming a small house into a beacon of faith and forming a vibrant community right across from Grand Canyon University. We encourage all Brothers to keep the Holy Spirit Newman Center in your prayers as they continue their vital mission and strive to build a new home for their growing family of faith.



[Interpreting The Mystery Of The Cloud](#)

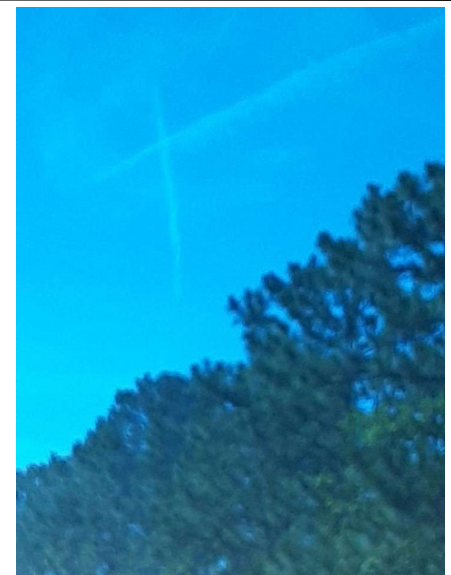
By: Kirk LaPlante, PGK/FS

Brothers,

Many of you know that Tom Roggenkamp and his wife Karen are currently enjoying a vacation, exploring the country with their travel trailer. Tom sent this amazing picture, adding the comment: "This appeared in the sky on our way to St. Augustine Beach."

What a truly blessed sight on Corpus Christi weekend!

Vivat Jesus!





Welcome Retired Priest Fr. Regidor "Fr. Reggie"



**Father Reggie is officially
retired from Diocese.**

**Father Reggie will be priest in
residence (PIR) in St. Paul rectory.**

**Although Father Reggie has no official role at St. Paul's, or
Diocese, he will be available to assist with Sacraments.**

Please join me in welcoming two new employees to our St. Paul staff.

God is good, all the time, all the time, God is good. Peace - Craig.

Welcome Jeanne Cosme

Jeanne has been involved in our parish for a number of years, and we all know her, Fred and their family. Jeanne joins our team as St. Paul part time Liturgy Coordinator, working closely with Dr. Sue and Fr. Bruno. Jeanne brings with her professional talents including a Bachelor of Science in Secretarial Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Jeanne recently retired from her administrative employment as a Senior HR Representative for one of the large corporations with many employees worldwide. Jeanne currently has been volunteering her time in many areas of Liturgy including training. We are excited she will continue serving and sharing her talents as a staff employee.



Jeanne's duties and schedule will include preparing and attending all weekend liturgies, attendance at our staff meetings on Monday and all current responsibilities as the Coordinator of Liturgy. As a part time position, her in-office hours are flexible as she will be chairing the Liturgy Board with scheduled meetings as well as training our volunteers in Liturgical Ministries. We thank Dr. Sue for her enormous amount of work, assisting St. Paul over the years, recently beginning during Covid and continuing through today. We are grateful she will also shepherd Jeanne as needed and free up some well-deserved time of her own and stay connected on staff assisting in other areas of Parish Life.

Council 15001's annual donation to Life Choices Women's Clinic

On Tuesday, June 10th. Brothers Kirk LaPlante PGK/FS and Charley Billingsley GK presented a check for \$1875.00 to Phoenix Life Choices Women's Clinic.



LCWC is dedicated to improving the lives of women and their families, by providing medical care, counseling and education.

Their low-cost and free Phoenix clinics offer a wide variety of medical services related to pregnancy and other areas of women's health. Their services are delivered in an atmosphere of care and respect, and are available to all women.

LCWC is staffed by licensed medical personnel, trained counselors and experienced administrative staff.

Services include pregnancy testing, well woman exams, ultrasounds, STI testing, and more.

[Save the date! Friday September 19th Catholic Night at Diamondbacks.](#)

Join the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Roman Catholic Dioceses of Phoenix and Tucson for the annual Catholic Night on Friday, September 19 at Chase Field. On this night of fellowship, the D-backs will host the Philadelphia Phillies. More details of the event to come!

For every ticket purchased \$5 will be donated to the Catholic School Support 365!

All sales are final, no exchanges, returns, or refunds. Tickets based on availability.
This offer can't be combined with other offers.

For any questions about the event please contact Tatum Barstad at tbarstad@dbacks.com or at 602.462.4287.



St. Paul Catholic Church Blood Drive



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8am to 1pm
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or scan QR code or schedule online
www.vitalant.org (code P1817)

More information

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Join the 4th Degree



If you are over 18 years of age; a citizen of the country in which you reside; a practical Catholic in union with the Holy See; and you are a Third Degree member in good standing, it's time to consider joining the ranks of the Fourth Degree. To learn more about the Patriot Degree and how to join its ranks, contact your local Council, the Vice Supreme Master in your area or the Supreme Council today. For Council 15001, you may contact Sir Knight (SK) Gary Schulte or (SK) Ted Cherekos.

Each month, we would like to include news and notes about the 4th Degree of our Order. Several of our 15001 Council members also belong to the 4th Degree and are members of the "Bishop William Z. Gomes Assembly #1805".

Each "Degree" of the Knights of Columbus is associated with a particular virtue with the three items being—Charity, Unity and Fraternity and the Fourth Degree being "Patriotism" or as it has commonly become known as "The Patriotic Degree".

The members meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 11020 N 40th Street at 7:00 p.m. The church is located on 40th St., between Shea Blvd. and Cactus Rd.

Assembly Officer Elections for the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year

Our Assembly Officer election was completed during our May 15, 2025 general business meeting.

Our elected Officers positions are: Faithful Navigator, Faithful Captain, Faithful Pilot, Faithful Scribe, Faithful Purser, Faithful Inner and Outer Sentinels, and Faithful Admiral. Our Assembly has a 3 year, 2 year and 1 year trustee and two appointed Assembly Officer positions: Faithful Friar, and Color Corp Commander (CCC).

The following Assembly members have been named on the ballot to date: (Any contested offices will have a secret ballot vote).

Faithful Navigator (Grand Knight): SK Gary Johnson, PFN, FDD

Faithful Captain (Deputy Grand Knight) : SK Jeffrey Carpentier

Faithful Admiral: SK John Tiffany

Faithful Pilot (Warden): SK Barry Auguste

Faithful Comptroller (Financial Secretary): SK John McNulty, FDD, PFN

Faithful Purser (Treasurer): SK Rich Ryan, DD, PFN

Faithful Scribe (Recorder): SK Andrew Armstrong

Faithful Inner Sentinel (Inside Guard): SK Ted Cherekos

Faithful Outer Sentinel (Outside Guard): SK Anthony Tran

(3 yr. term) Trustee: Robert Bogart, PFN

(2 yr. term) Trustee: Gary Schulte, PFN

(1 yr. term) Trustee: Frank Atherton, PFN, FDD

Positions Appointed the Faithful Navigator:

Faithful Friar (Chaplain): To Be Determined.

Color Corp Commander: SK Ted Cherekos

Our Assembly's Officers roles are the same as in a Council, but the Assembly titles are different. Our Assembly refers to our Officers as "Faithful" versus "Worthy". Our Officer Corps does not include an Advocate, Chancellor and Lecturer. The Admiral serves as an advisor to our Faithful Navigator, and if needed, he will perform the duties of an Advocate. Faithful Navigators who have served for at least seven months during a Fraternal Year are given a lifetime title of "PFN" (Past Faithful Navigator).

Serenity Prayer

*O God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.*

Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time.

Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace.

Taking, as He did, the sinful world as it is, not as I would have it.

*Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with Him forever*

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025!



The logo chosen for the Holy Year depicts four stylized and graceful figures, in four colors that recall the shades of the rainbow, as red, orange, green, and blue. The choice of colors is not random, just as the color of sacred vestments throughout the liturgical year is not.

Red symbolizes love, passion, and self sacrifice, Christ's sacrifice and His boundless love for humanity, but also the fire of the Holy Spirit and His strength that animates Christians.

Orange expresses joy, vitality, and enthusiasm, the light that illuminates the path of faith.

Green is universally recognized as the color of hope, growth, and rebirth.

Blue, finally, symbolizes faith, peace, and tranquility, evoking the sky and spirituality and inviting contemplation and prayer.

The four figures represent humanity, in its differences and similarities.

They proceed to embrace each other, expressing the solidarity and brotherhood that should unite the peoples of the world.

Leading them is the red figure, clinging to a Cross formed by a black curve that ends, at the bottom, with an anchor. The Cross is not rigid, not static, but bends towards humanity as if to embrace it." The sense of this symbol in the Jubilee logo is clear: it is precisely in the most difficult moments that we need to rely on an anchor that glues us securely and guarantees salvation, and what better anchor than the Cross, a symbol of Christ and His infinite love for all of us?

The presence of small, agitated waves at the bottom of the logo confirms the existence of dangers and obstacles, of all those personal events and events of the world that make each of our lives not always easy.

Thus, the logo in its entirety takes on a clear meaning and the Jubilee, with its twelve months of ceremonies and initiatives, becomes a long pilgrimage to be undertaken together, as brothers, towards salvation, guided by the Cross and the hope of our salvation promised by God.

Safe Environment Training (S.E.T.) S.E.T. Remains as Very IMPORTANT

All Knights,

Well, it's that time of year when we need to remind all our Knights that they need to prepare to complete our Safe Environment Training for 2024-2025.

For those Knights who have completed the course, already, thank you.

If you have completed the course, please send me your S.E.T. Certification ASAP: Salina Villanueva, svillanueva@stpaulsphoenix.org

Should you have any questions or need help, please feel free to contact the diocese directly using their phone number 602-354-2000 during business hours or go to <https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org/support>.

If you are having difficulties setting up a new account, please [Click Here](#) for assistance and include:

- Your Arch/Diocese and parish or school
- Your phone number and availability for a call-back
- A description of where you are having difficulties

Thank you for everything that you do for the Knight of Columbus at St. Paul's. It is because of you that Council 15001 is one of the best, if not the best, Council in Arizona.

VIVAT Jesus
Charley Billingsley, Grand Knight



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Promoting the Domestic Church— Families

The Knights of Columbus Order has always been interested in the development of strong and vibrant families. To support this philosophy and to create an awareness of many of our parish families, our Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, located in New Haven, Connecticut started the “Family of the Month” program in 1978. The “Family of the Month” program has become a successful part of our “Faith in Action” program.

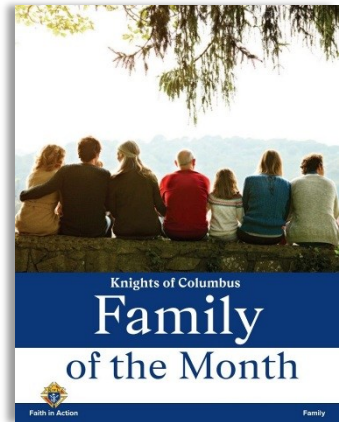
Family of the Month

The Knights of Columbus “Family of the Month” Program promotes and recognizes families who outwardly exhibit strong ties of love and faith, demonstrating Catholic family values, and how the family makes meaningful contributions to our parish and the community.

Our Council has established a “Family of the Month” committee whose responsibility it will be to select a “Family of the Month”. The committee is made up of our St. Paul’s Knights of Columbus Council members and the St. Paul’s parish staff. We are working together to get recommendations for selecting a “Family of the Month”. Our “Family of the Month” committee is not looking for “Super Families”, but we are looking for families who live traditional Catholic family values like:

- Is the family tight knit? Does the family spend quality time together?
- Does the family attend weekly Mass together?
- Does the family pray together outside of Mass?
- Has the family made significant contributions to the parish and church community?
- Does the family serve as a model of Catholic family values?

On the 15th day of each month — from August 1st through July 31st— the “Family of the Month” submissions will be drawn at random from entries received at our Supreme Council offices in New Haven, Connecticut. Each of the selected families will receive a special Holy Family gift and a personal letter of congratulations from our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly. These items will be mailed directly to the family’s home address.



Family of the Year



Our “Family of the Month” Committee is also participating in selecting a “Family of the Year”. The “Family of the Year” selection process is the same as the “Family of the Month”. An eligible “Family of the Year” recipient must be a Knights of Columbus family that has been selected in the last 12 months. Our committee will consider whether the family has continued to show the traits of a strong Catholic family as well as their promoting the principles of our Church and the principles of the Order of the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council will make a “Family of the Year” selection from all those they have received from the Knights of Columbus State Councils.

The “Family of the Year” will be invited to attend the annual Knights of Columbus

Supreme Convention where a special presentation will be made.

If you know a Catholic family you would like us to recognize, please call our Family of the Month Chairman, Phil Tabbita, PGK, at 202-256-9642 or send an email to Ptabbita@apwu.org

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Assuring financial security for your loved ones requires careful planning. When a loved one experiences an extended care event and needs long-term care, it can impact the entire family. The impact can be felt financially as well as emotionally, and there can be a physical toll as well. It's important to plan ahead in order to protect your family.

A solid long-term care plan will allow them to lead their lives without excess burden – to let them simply care, without having to provide for your care.

- ◆ What plan have you made?
- ◆ Who will provide the care?
- ◆ Where will the financial resources come from?

As we age, we change in some predictable ways – and in some ways that are completely unexpected. Chronic illnesses or disabilities requiring extended care are never planned or anticipated. When it comes to extended-care planning, you must ask and answer some difficult questions in order to provide adequate protection for your loved ones. You have time to prepare. You have time to protect your family.

A successful long-term care plan needs to include an evaluation of your current financial resources and a review of planning options to meet future needs. Because this depends on your personal circumstances, your long-term care plan will be unique, and you will need to determine with your loved ones how best to prepare.

Who BUYS Long-Term Care Insurance? Long-term care coverage options will be less expensive when you are younger. The likelihood of qualifying for coverage based on underwriting guidelines also improves at younger ages.

- 56.7 is the average age for new buyers.(1)
- 8.1 MILLION Americans currently own LTC insurance protection.(1)
- 350,000 approximate number of new policies purchased in 2018.(2)
- 69.7% of new claims are made after age 80.(2)

(1) American Association of Long Term Care Insurance, January 2014, [www.AALTCi.org/long-term care insurance/learningcenter/fastfacts](http://www.AALTCi.org/long-term%20care%20insurance/learningcenter/fastfacts)

(2) American Association of Long Term Care Insurance, January 2019, www.AALTCi.org/LTCFacts-2019

Limited Long-Term Care Payment Options Given these risks and uncertainties, the importance of implementing a long-term care plan becomes clear. There are multiple options to consider. Government programs offer limited options . . .

- **Medicare**(3) Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Medical Insurance) cover certain medical services and supplies in hospitals, doctor's offices, and other health care settings.

Part A covers: inpatient care in a hospital or skilled nursing facility (not custodial or long-term care), hospice, home health care and inpatient care in a religious nonmedical health care institution. Part B covers medically necessary doctor's services.

- **Medicaid**(4) Medicaid can pay for most long-term care services if you are eligible after your assets fall below a certain level. This joint federal and state program determines eligibility based on countable assets that must be below allowable amounts. The default option without a plan is . . .
- **Self-Funding** Self-funding means that the income to pay for your long-term care plan must come from your savings or other assets. What was the original purpose of your savings account? What role does your current investment portfolio play in your financial future? Were either of these created in order to pay for an extended care event?

The best planning option for you and your family is . . .

- **Long-Term Care Insurance** Long-term care insurance is expressly designed to pay for an extended-care event. It is an important element of your overall financial plan. Depending upon the type of long-term care policy that you choose for your individual plan, you can receive benefits whether you are being cared for in your home or in a facility. More importantly, your family will have a viable plan to address your needs.

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• (3) Medicare+You 2019, Department of Health+Human Services, (Pages 5,6 and7), www.medicare.gov

• (4) Paying for Senior Care, Medicaid and Long-Term Care for the Elderly(Updated-June 2018), [ww.payingforseniorcare.com/longtermcare/resouces/Medicaid.html](http://www.payingforseniorcare.com/longtermcare/resouces/Medicaid.html)

Birthdays— July 2025

July 03	John Kim		July 10	Debbie Castellarin
July 04	Stephen Alonge		July 18	Gerri Cook
July 05	Gilbert Flores		July 26	Nadine Swartz
July 07	William Dougherty		July 28	Angie Talamantes
July 08	Frederick Brandt			
July 09	Jim Doorley			
July 20	Terry McCormick			
July 22	Dale Hahne			
July 30	James Wayne			
July 30	Nathan Duncan			
July 31	Rene Talamantes			

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

June

2nd Wednesday P.P. Rosary _____
 Servers _____
 EM _____
 Lector _____
 Adoration _____
 Other _____

July







2nd Wednesday P.P. Rosary _____
 Servers _____
 EM _____
 Lector _____
 Adoration _____
 Other _____

Whether for Flu, RSV
or Covid, be Wise
and Immunize!




July 2025

Covid  Flu
RSV

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 General Meeting In the Conference Room 7:00 p.m. 	3	4 Independence Day 	5
6 Donut Sunday and Family of the Month	7	8	9 Rosary at Planned Parenthood 	10	11	12
13 	14	15	16	17  Assembly 1805 Meets at 7:00 pm St. Joseph's church	18	19
20	21 Officers' Meeting 7:00 p.m. Conference Room 	22	23	24	25	26
27 Sunshine Soccer League game	28	29	30	31		

Upcoming Events For July/August 2025

July 2025

- July 02 General Meeting 6:30 p.m. In Conference Room then installation O'Carroll Hall 7:00 p.m. to finish
- July 04 Independence Day
- July 06 Family of the Month 
- July 09 Rosary at Planned Parenthood
- July 13 Blood Drive
- July 17 Assembly 1805 Meets at 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph's church
- July 21 Officers' Meeting 7:00 p.m. Conference Room
- July 27 Watch a Sunshine Soccer League match and give them the jumbo check

August 2025

- Aug. 03 Family of the Month
- Aug. 06 General Meeting 7:00 p.m. In Conference Room
- Aug. 13 Rosary at Planned Parenthood/Fr. McGivney Feast Day
- Aug. 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Aug. 18 Officer's Meeting 7:00 p.m. Conference Room
- Aug. 22 Laugh4Hope at Xavier
- Aug. 23 Bingo

Covid/Flu Season is not over.
Remember: Hot water and soap
will shorten the life of a virus.
Also, wearing a mask may also
make a difference.



This applies to the Flu,
RSV Virus and Covid!

Attention All Event Chairmen: After your event, please ensure that photos are sent to your Newsletter Editor at tkarl@charter.net for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Prayer to End Abortion



We often discuss in the newsletters and during our 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 of distressed Brothers or their relatives:*

Brothers Manuel "Manny" Flores, Luis Torres, James Wayne, Bob Waugh, Steve Pettit, Ray Rosetti, Ted Cherekos, Jim Soderlund, Mary Weege, Rebecca Cairo and Nadine Swartz.

Rest of the soul of Brothers who passed within the last year—Shawn Swartz, Bill Hintze, Bill O'Connell, George Mendell, Don Kolb, Thai Nguyen (Peter's son), Bernie "Butch" Cook and David Earl.



Also family members: Terra Billingsley, Sophia Billingsley (Daughter of Morgan and Makenna), Lila VanCuyk (wife of John), Diane Russell (wife of Tom), mother of Cathy Blome, Pat Long (wife of Ken Long), brother of Fr. Bruno, Matthew (son of Karen Roggenkamp), Irene Gramza and Paul Karl brother of Council Editor Tom Karl, as well as all the Widows of our Deceased Knights

*May all who suffer pain, illness or disease realize that they are chosen to be saints
and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, Amen.
Always keep in mind the unborn who were never given a chance of life.*

Catholic Prayer For those who have passed

*"Loving God our Father, Your power brings us to life.
Your care guides our lives,
and by Your command we return to the dust from which we came.
Father, those who pass on still live in Your presence,
their lives are changed but do not end.
I plead in hope for my family, relatives and friends,
and for all the dead known only to You.*

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