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*Words are not enough to
express the gratitude that
you deserve for all that you
have done for me. I wish
you boundless happiness
and luck that never ends!*

HAPPY
Father's Day—June 20
DAY



June 1, 2021

Council 15001

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Grand Knight.....Kirk LaPlante
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**Remember—One new member,
per Council, per month.**

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

For God and Country! How many times have we heard that phrase and not paid any attention to what it means?

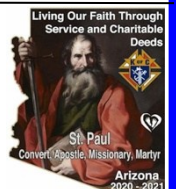
All things are for God—his love is eternal and he shares that love with each of us daily. Our existence depends upon His continuing love of us as individuals. Collectively, we are loved as Knights of Columbus, but also as a person, a father, husband, brother, son, etc. Along with that idea is the one about Country! Yes, we love our country and try to show our love by being the men that God loves and we show our love in kind by taking care of others through the works of the Knights of Columbus.

Every time you visit a sick or shut-in person or go out of your way to do something that is kind and thoughtful, without any intention of finding a reward for your actions, then you are being a true Knight.

Many of us have or have had the opportunity to serve our Country, either through civic duty or through a military role. In each position, we tried our best to be the best we could be at our job. We fulfilled our mission and performed our duties with the utmost respect. In turn, we honored not only our nation but the flag which flows in the winds of the sky to show that it is always there to guide us. How many time have we seen a flag from a great distance and realized that we are coming up to a government building? It may be the courthouse or the post office, but when we see the flag of the United States of America we can hold our head up high and say “thank you God for allowing us the chance to live in a free society and make the choices to honor You”.

On June 14th, also look at the flag and remember that many served to protect our rights to freedom of expression and to pray in security and without the threat of war on our shores. On June 20th, let’s remember that many of us are fathers and some serve as fathers to their parishes, but all of us serve the good of the nation and look with pride to the flag of the United State of America. God bless our fathers and God Bless the United States of America!

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

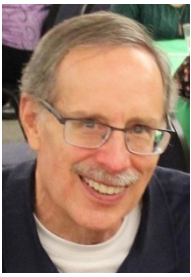


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Grand Knight's Column



Grand Knight
Kirk LaPlante

Brother Knights and families of Council 15001,

Along with DGK Francis Abijaoude, PGK/Financial Secretary Jack Swartz and Raffle Captain/fundraiser extraordinaire, Mike Aguilar, I was honored to represent Council 15001 at the annual KOC State Convention. For those of you who might not know, the State Convention is a two-day event, alternating yearly between Tucson and Phoenix. This year it was at the Embassy Suites in Scottsdale.

The Conference is an excellent opportunity to meet and develop friendships with Knights from around the State. Here are some interesting statistics that came from the convention:

- ◆ 17,467 Knights in Arizona
- ◆ 135 Councils
- ◆ 36 Districts
- ◆ 30 Star Councils for 2019-2020 – Council 15001 was one of the 30!!!!
- ◆ Total Raffle receipts \$320,000
- ◆ Council 15001 raffle receipts \$10,840 (3.4% of the total) !!!!
- ◆ Per capita raffle sales
- ◆ Arizona average \$18.32/Knight
- ◆ Council 15001 average \$95.08/Knight

I also learned a good bit about St Joseph's Youth Camp in Flagstaff which is supported in large part by our KOC donations and volunteer hours.

I learned about the amazing story of the miracle that was used in the cause for Beatification for Blessed Michael McGivney.

We all met the GK from Flagstaff...that Council has TONS of money. They owned and sold some land!! Their bank account is over \$200,000 and they had already donated an equal amount over the years.

I saw 6 Councils competing to see which one would host the 2022-2023 KOC State Convention. Each Council really put on an amazing slideshow presentation touting their qualifications.

However—what will stick with me for years was my conversation during dinner. I sat next to the wife of the District Deputy from Sanford, AZ. She is an ER nurse and she spoke of her personal experience as an ER nurse in a small-town hospital during COVID. It was a nightmare. She kept saying over and over, "It was bad, really bad." From having to wear two masks along with a face shield and an attached face fan...to having to do a complete change of clothes, after each time she visited a COVID patient, to running out of Personal Protective Equipment, hospital uniforms and having the local Native American community make some makeshift uniforms from shower curtains. Most of us, me included, have no real idea what so many of those on the front line experienced. She worked 12 hour shifts 7 days a week...NO days off for months!!

I was recently told by a physician, who was pulled out of the clinic setting, to cover the COVID floor in a local hospital for months earlier this year, that it was like being in a war zone.

The myriad of awards that were given out that night at the convention are all a blur to me now and will likely be forgotten soon. But that conversation will stick with me for a long, long time. I was blessed that night discovering I was sitting next to a real hero, a war hero in the fight against COVID!!



Vivat Jesus!
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God bless our Doctors, Nurses and Service Personnel for their sacrifices!

Jim Cassidy Award Winner Comments

By: Richard "Dief" Diefendorf, PGK

The Beginning

The only reason that I became a Catholic was to appease my future mother-in-law because she wanted to have her daughter married in the Catholic church. I was never regularly active in any of the parishes that my wife Mac and I attended. So, I was never introduced to the Knights of Columbus and what this Catholic men's organization is all about. After becoming a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church in 1992, I started to become active as a Lector and as a Men's Club member.

When our Charter and Council was getting started, I had no idea who the Knights were and what they did. I was approached many times about becoming a member of the Knights. Each time the answer was no thank you. One Sunday morning, I was approached about membership by Al Gillis. Instead of just saying no, I asked Al about who, what and where the Knights were all about. The lights went on and I could not get out of my mind that things that Al shared with me about the Knights of Columbus, I told Al that when I was ready, I would come to him and ask him to sponsor me. Seven months later, I filled out a Form 100 and gave it to Al as my sponsor.

I was lucky. Al, Jack Swartz and Butch Cook accompanied me to the First Degree. The lights became brighter. After going through the Second and Third Degrees with Al, the lights were on even brighter. At the end of that year, I was asked if I would consider becoming an Inside Guard. I became even more enthusiastic. During that year I was asked to become a Captain of a major project. Our first spaghetti dinner and fund raiser. WOW!

I really enjoyed the time spent with my Brother Knights. At the end of that year, I was asked by Al if I would think about becoming a Chancellor. Because of some changes, I ended up as the DGK. ANOTHER WOW! Since then, I have had the privilege to serve as the Grand Knight on two different occasions. Serving as the Council's Grand Knight was one of the most fulfilling things I have done in my life. I never considered the possibility of receiving the Jim Cassidy Award. Knights, what Bob Waugh, Jack Swartz and Al Gillis did for the Council was far greater than anything I felt that I had contributed to this Council.

I was looking forward to attending our Corporate Mass earlier this year. On the Saturday, the day before, I spent the day in the emergency room for an acute infection in my abdomen. The next day, I received a call from Jack Swartz just checking up on me and asked if he could stop by after Mass. Of course I said yes! BUT WHO ACTUALLY SHOWED UP...? The Grand Knight and his wife Janet as well as the Financial Secretary Jack and his wife Nadine and my sponsor and now good friend Al Gillis and his wife Donna. I thought "what the hell is this all about?" Do they think I am about ready to die? The Grand Knight and his posse then presented me with the Jim Cassidy Award. This honor was totally unexpected but very much appreciated. Another WOW!

To everyone in Council 15001—I thank you very much from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity to serve with you and for you and for receiving the Jim Cassidy Award.

Dief



[Five Reasons You Should Pray the Rosary](#)

The rosary is a powerful tool to help the faithful understand and live the mysteries of the Gospel.

The Knights of Columbus places a special importance on honoring the Blessed Mother. Every man who joins a K of C Council receives a rosary and is encouraged to seek Mary's intercession by praying it regularly. In addition, many Councils promote devotion to the rosary in their families and parishes by scheduling a [rosary prayer services](#).

Pope Francis launched a rosary [marathon](#) at the beginning of May, encouraging the faithful around the world to pray daily for an end to the pandemic. And there is no better time to honor the Blessed Mother.



[Here are five additional reasons to pray the rosary:](#)

1) [Mary can help us to better know her son, Jesus Christ.](#)

When the angel appeared to Mary and told her that she would conceive and bring forth the Son of God, she answered, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). Her "fiat" — her yes to following God's will — was an indispensable moment in the story of the salvation of the world.

Mary was present throughout Jesus' life, even at his crucifixion. By each of us praying the rosary, we can contemplate how we to serve God by following her example.

2) [Those who pray the rosary are promised graces and indulgences.](#)

Alanus de Rupe, a 15th-century Dominican friar, was visited by the Blessed Virgin Mary, who gave [15 promises](#) to Christians who prayed the rosary. These include the assurance of receiving the sacraments at the time of death, never being conquered by misfortune, and her own special protection.

Additionally, those who pray the rosary often receive plenary indulgences — the remission of temporal punishment due to sin. During the Year of St. Joseph, Pope Francis announced [ways](#) to gain an indulgence, several which involve praying the rosary: reciting of the rosary in families and among engaged couples.

3) [It brings victory in battle.](#)

The rosary is a powerful weapon — amid both spiritual warfare and worldly battles.

In 1571, Pope Pius V organized a group of Christian forces, known as the Holy League, in defense of an imminent invasion by the Ottoman Empire. Before a battle with the Ottoman fleet in the Gulf of Patras, in the Ionian Sea, the pope called on all of Europe to pray the rosary for victory. These prayers were answered, with the Holy League defeating the much larger Ottoman forces on October 7th at the Battle of Lepanto.

To commemorate the victory, Pius V established the feast day of "Our Lady of Lepanto" — also known as Our Lady of Victory or Our Lady of the Rosary.

As for spiritual battles, nothing prepares you to persevere against temptations like the rosary. This subject is also explored in the Knights of Columbus "Into the Breach" series.

4) [It's an opportunity to reflect on the Gospel mysteries.](#)

When praying the rosary, we are invited to reflect on the [joyful, sorrowful, glorious and luminous mysteries](#) revealed in the Gospels.

By reflecting on these stories from the Gospels, we not only increase our understanding of the life and ministry of Jesus, but we can also discover how God is calling us to live our own lives. As Pope John Paul II states in his apostolic letter, *Rosarium Virginis Marie* (2002), the rosary is a "compendium of the Gospel" and has "all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety."

5) [It's the perfect way to make time for God.](#)

Pope John Paul II also stated in *Rosarium Virginis Marie* that the rosary is a "sweet chain linking us to God" because it gives the faithful time to "contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love."

But it is also the First Commandment that we must love the Lord with all of our heart, soul, strength and mind. And Jesus reiterates the vital importance of this commandment in the Gospels when asked, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

By praying the rosary, we can put God at the forefront of our lives, while also allowing God to speak with us, as Pope John Paul II affirms in *Rosarium Virginis Marie*.

SPECIAL WEEKDAY MASS HONORS COUNCIL 15001

The 7:30 a.m. weekday Mass on Wednesday, May 26, at St. Paul's parish was dedicated to Council 15001. The celebrating priest was Assistant Chaplain Fr. Ishaya Samalia, who was joined by 16 other Knights: Francis Abijaoude, Charley Billingsley, Ed Cunningham, Richard Diefendorf, Frank Dzielak, Don Kolb, Kirk LaPlante, Ken Long, Jim MacDonald, Tom Nash, Bill O'Connell, Luis Samudio, Al Sindorf, Jack Swartz, John Van Cuyk, and Alberto Vela. Fr. Ishaya was robed in his Knights of Columbus vestments and most of the Knights were wearing their blue shirts and badges.

To Help Us Pray The Rosary Daily

All of us should be praying the rosary each day. Here is information to help you do it correctly if you already aren't.

Schedule for Praying the Rosary

The Joyful Mysteries
Monday and Saturday

The Sorrowful Mysteries
Tuesday and Friday

The Glorious Mysteries
Wednesday and Sunday

The Luminous Mysteries
Thursday



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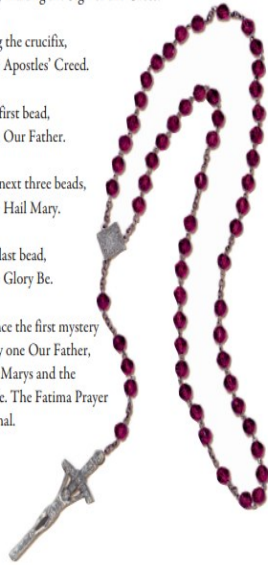
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How to Pray the Rosary

- 1) Begin by making the Sign of the Cross.
- 2) Holding the crucifix, pray the Apostles' Creed.
- 3) On the first bead, pray the Our Father.
- 4) On the next three beads, pray the Hail Mary.
- 5) On the last bead, pray the Glory Be.
- 6) Announce the first mystery and pray one Our Father, 10 Hail Marys and the Glory Be. The Fatima Prayer is optional.
- 7) Repeat until the five decades are prayed.
- 8) Pray the Hail, Holy Queen.
- 9) Finish by making the Sign of the Cross.



The Prayers of the Rosary

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.



GUIDE TO PRAYING THE ROSARY

The Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation

"He came to her and said, 'Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!'" (Lk 1:28)



The Visitation

"When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the child leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!'" (Lk 1:41-42)

The Nativity

"Mary gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger." (Lk 2:7)



The Presentation

"When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord." (Lk 2:22)

The Finding in the Temple

"After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers." (Lk 2:46-47)



The Mysteries of Light

The Baptism of the Lord

"When Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and behold, a voice from heaven, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'" (Mt 3:16-17)



The Wedding Feast at Cana

"His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'" (Jn 2:5)

The Preaching of the Kingdom

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:15)



The Transfiguration

"He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light." (Mt 17:2)

The Institution of the Eucharist

"[Jesus] took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body.' [Jesus] took a chalice, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it." (Mk 14:22-23)



The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Agony in the Garden

"Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Mt 26:41)



The Scourging at the Pillar

"Pilate said 'I am innocent of this righteous man's blood...and having scourged Jesus delivered him to be crucified.'" (Mt 27:24, 26)

The Crowning with Thorns

"They stripped him and put a scarlet robe upon him, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head, and put a reed in his right hand." (Mt 27:28-29)



The Carrying of the Cross

"So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull." (Jn 19:17)

The Crucifixion

"But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene." (Jn 19:25)



The Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection

"Entering the tomb, they saw a young man and they were amazed. And he said to them, 'Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here.'" (Mk 16:5-6)



The Ascension

"So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God." (Mk 16:19)

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

"There appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them." (Acts 2:3)



The Assumption

"My beloved speaks...to me: 'Arise, my love, my dove, my fair one, and come away for behold the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.'" (Song 2:10-11)

The Crowning of Mary

"A great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." (Rv 12:1)



Council 15001 delegates and alternates at 2021 State Convention in Scottsdale on May 20-21

Grand Knight Kirk LaPlante, PGK/Fin. Sec. Jack Swartz, Deputy Grand Knight Francis Abijaoude, and Raffle Chm. Mike Aguilar.



Mike Aguilar, Chairman of our Council's State Raffle Committee is depositing \$10,840 worth of ticket stubs at the K of C State Convention in Scottsdale on May 20.



2021 CHARITY RAFFLE DRIVE ONE OF BEST EVER FOR COUNCIL 15001

Raffle Chairman Mike Aguilar, who earlier had set a goal for the Council to sell \$5,000 worth of state raffle tickets, announced to the Council Officers at their May meeting that our members had sold and/or purchased a total of \$10,840, which more than doubled this year's goal and exceeded last year's sales of \$9,000. By exceeding last year's total by more than 10% our Council receives a rebate of \$542 which permits us to increase to 5, those charities which will each be receiving \$1,000, plus covering our raffle expenses, with enough left over for the Council to hold a "Free" Donut Sunday on May 30 to show our appreciation of the support our parishioners gave this years Charity Raffle!

The Charity proceeds will be divided up as follows:

- ◆ St. Paul's unit of St. Vincent de Paul Society **\$1,000**;
- ◆ Poor Clare Desert Nuns **\$1,000**;
- ◆ Life Choices Women's Clinic **\$1,000**;
- ◆ Phoenix Diocese Seminary **\$1,000**;
- ◆ St. Paul's Boy Scouts **\$1,000**;
- ◆ Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) **\$500**.

Chairman Mike Aguilar noted that: 2 members had sold over \$1,000 each, himself and Rich Diefendorf (shown on the right).



St. Paul's parishioners were very generous in their purchases of tickets, but the most outstanding fact was that 61 members of the Council purchased and/or sold tickets, which has to be one of the highest percentages of member participation in the state, since our Council is right at the 100 active member level. Those 61 Knights who participated were:

Francis Abijaoude	Rich Diefendorf	Jim MacDonald	Rick Smith
Mike Aguilar	Nate Duncan	Nelson Mayo	Jerry Surdakowski
Steve Alonge	Frank Dzielak	Dan McGinn	Jack Swartz
Charley Billingsley	Jim Gentner	George Mendell	Shawn Swartz
Morgan Billingsley	Jim Gibson	Tom Nash	Phil Tabbita
John Blome	Al Gillis	Peter Nguyen	Chris Theut
Fred Brandt	Wayne Granger	James Nuth	John VanCuyk
Jim Cairo	Artie Hauer	Larry O'Brien	Tony Vechiola
Mike Carney	Bill Hintze	Gary Parsons	Mike Wagner
Bill Castellarin	Mike Hobaica	Steve Pettit	Bob Waugh
Norm Cellini	Greg Huelskamp	Ray Rossetti	James Wayne
Andre Cerna	Chuck Kime	Tom Russell	Ernie Weege †
Butch Cook	Don Kolb	Luis Samudio	Roel Zamora
Fred Cosme	Kirk LaPlante	Gary Schulte	
Ed Cunningham	Brian Laspisa	Joe Schumacher	
Gary DeGregorio	Ken Long	Al Sindorf	† Deceased

SUPREME RECOGNIZES OUR EFFORTS THIS FRATERNAL YEAR

“Congratulations! We have completed the evaluation of your Council’s Form SP-7 application and are pleased to announce that your Council has earned the Columbian Award for the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year. Your Council is now one step closer to earning Star Council. The criteria have been adjusted this year and your Council may be closer than you realize.”

From the Grand Knight: I am so proud of how many of our members continued to give their time and talents to the extent we were allowed!! Kirk LaPlante, GK

TWO NEW MEMBERS FOR COUNCIL 15001, COMPLETE 3RD DEGREE

Tom Van Buren and Scott Kasallis both completed the CUF degree work online on Sat., May 8, conducted by the Yuma Area Degree Team. CUF (stands for Charity, Unity, and Fraternity) is now the equivalent of the old 3rd Degree as we old timers know it. Please welcome Tom and Scott to our Council at our next meeting!

MONTHLY ROSARY AGAINST ABORTION AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Fourteen persons (mostly Knights) joined together to pray all 3 decades of the Rosary at Planned Parenthood facility located at 57th Ave. and Eugie on Saturday morning, May 8. Leading the group was Mike Aguilar who regularly heads our group each month. Joining Mike from our Council were GK Kirk LaPlante, DGK Francis Abijaoude, PGK/FS Jack Swartz, PGK/Adv. Gary Schulte, Rec. Frank Dzielak, Charley Billingsley and Steve Pettit.

Our Council was also joined by 2 Knights from Mirana, a couple from St. Joan of Arc, Nadine Swartz and Boots Bouterie.



Enduring Faith: The Story of Native American Catholicism

To begin to understand what it means to be a Catholic in North America, one needs an appreciation for the many Indigenous communities throughout the continent who were practicing their faith centuries before the founding of the United States.

There is a new K of C-produced documentary with the title:

Enduring Faith: The Story of Native American Catholicism

This documentary explores the rich contributions that Indigenous people have made to the Church across several centuries, while examining how Christ reveals himself through the uniqueness of every culture.

The first showing was aired on May 16th and will air at different times and locations. The film will air on most ABC affiliated stations across the United States. [click here to watch the trailer](#) (You will have to highlight the item in blue and right click your mouse and then select Open Hyperlink to see the trailer)

DECEASED KNIGHTS OF COUNCIL 15001 AND YEAR DIED †

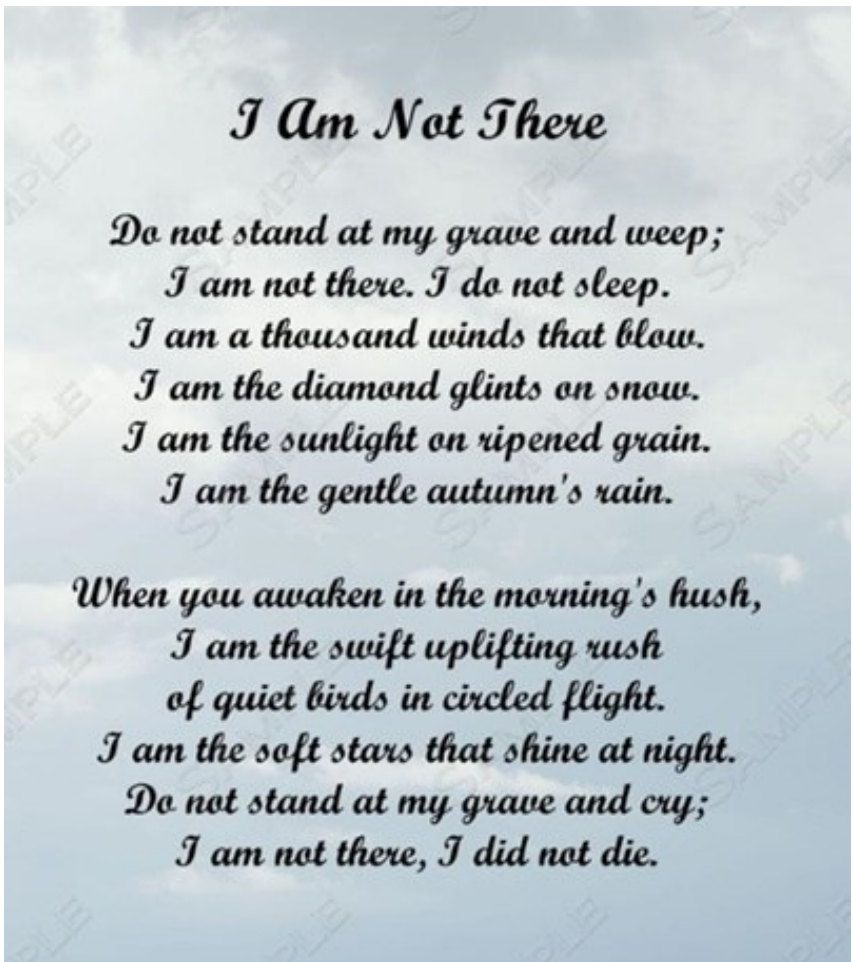
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14. Jim Pettitt† 2019..... 
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16. Larry Mackint† 2020..... 
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18. Robert Kerrigant† 2021 (No photo available)
19. Roger Madrid† 2021 (No photo available)
20. Jack Connery† 2021 (No photo available)
21. Ernie Weeget† 2021..... 



It's okay to miss you,
 It's okay to cry.
 Just know I'll never forget you.
 This isn't a permanent goodbye.

Sometimes I sit and wonder
 If you are standing by my side,
 Giving me the courage
 To carry on with pride.

I'll hold onto our memories,
 Until this life is done.
 In my heart is where I'll store them,
 Where we can be as one.



KNIGHTS ASSIST ST. PAUL'S WOMENS GUILD WITH SHREDDING PROJECT

St. Paul's Women's Guild major fund raising project annually is a Shredding Project (last year grossed over \$3,500). At the Guild's request (Chm. Irene Gramza), 7 Knights from Council 15001 showed up on Saturday morning, May 8, 2021 to assist in unloading vehicles and dumping the materials to be shredded in the shredder furnished by Assured Document Destruction, Inc. Don Kolb and Jim Soderlund were the early bird workers, followed by GK Kirk LaPlante, PGK/FS Jack Swartz, and Frank Dzielak (after Planned Parenthood Rosary duty), and Fred Cosme and Tom Nash later. Members of the Women's Guild working the project were Chm. Gramza, Jeanne Cosme, Mary Hauer, and Nadine Swartz.



Now, For Some Father's Day Jokes!

(Sorry, but it was a slow month for news!)

If a cow doesn't produce milk - what is it?
A Milk dud or an Udder failure

Where do fish keep their money?
In the river bank

I have a scary math joke;
But I'm two squared to say it

Have you heard the forecast?
Chili today....hot tamale

Did you hear the rumor about butter?
Better not spread it

Why is the forest so noisy?
Because the trees bark

If you're feeling cold stand in the corner?
I hear It's 90 degrees

Why isn't a dog's snout 12 inches long?
Because it would be a foot

If you're Russian when you go into the bathroom
And you're Finnish when you come out

What were you when you were in the bathroom?
You were European

Did you know that milk is the fastest liquid on Earth
It's pasteurized before you know it.



Do You and Your Partner Agree on a Retirement Plan?

Your career is at its peak, but your better half *can't wait* for the two of you to retire and travel nonstop. Take heart; you're not alone. Although some couples view it as an exciting transition, failing to discuss *what they are going to be retiring to* might lead to problems.

An exchange of ideas may help. "The more that couples air their differences, the greater likelihood that together they'll be able to accommodate (each other's) wishes," notes psychologist and author Dorian Mintzer.* There are many factors also to consider, but you might start by answering a few essential questions:

Will the two of you retire at the same time? Age, health, job satisfaction, love of travel and other hobbies should always be considered. The key is finding a balance of desires and needs.

Where will you live your new life? Whether the ideal location is exotic, near family or the same address, this decision should involve both partners' input.

How will you fund your retirement? Many couples find it difficult to talk about money, but it is crucial to have an frank and honest conversation about finances and what each partner expects from retirement. Once you set a goal you're comfortable with, you can take action to reach it.

Tailoring a retirement strategy to meet your specific objectives is key. Ask for information about your options. Postponing the creation of a financial plan could result in unfulfilled dreams and expectations for both of you.

*Mintzer, Dorian, and Taylor, Roberta K., co-authors of "The Couple's Retirement Puzzle: 10 Must-Have Conversations for Transitioning to the Second Half of Life."

Why Is It SO Important to Start Saving When You're Young?

Saving is important when you're young because of the power of compounding. Let's start with the basics. Assume you could earn a constant 6 percent every year. If you invested \$1, it would grow to \$2 in 12 years. This doubling is called the Rule of 72. The rule says: "If you divide the known interest rate into 72, the quotient will be the number of years it takes for your money to double." Try it.

The higher the interest rate, the fewer years it takes for money to double. The period of time it takes for money to double is called an interval. How many intervals do you have left until you reach retirement? If you are 40 years old and earn 6 percent on your money, you have about two intervals until you reach 65. In this example, each interval is just 12 years long. Imagine having \$100,000 in an account earning 6 percent interest and you are now age 40. In 24 years, that account will be worth \$400,000. If you wait until you are 72 to start taking the money, you will have \$260,000 more – that's \$660,000!

Just for the sake of math, consider a 10 percent interest calculation. Then you would have 4.44 intervals and your \$100,000 would double four times. That's FOUR DOUBLES, plus a little. That same \$100,000 would grow to nearly \$2.4 million by age 72.



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The importance of compound interest is all due to TIME – time to allow your contributions to grow within a savings strategy. Does it make sense to procrastinate? Does it make sense not to contribute as much as you can, as fast as you can? Get the information today. Yes, it will take a lot of self-discipline and may require personal sacrifice, but it's worth it if you want the Rule of 72 to work for you.

Contact me today and let's see what and how I can help you plan and save for your future.

Birthdays—June 2021

June 01	Daniel McGinn
June 06	John Blome
June 10	Shawn Swartz
June 11	Fr. Mark Aune
June 20	Michael Abbott
June 20	James Abraham
June 26	Gary Schulte
June 28	Michael Wagner
June 30	Phil Tabbita



June 03	Marietta Anderson
June 25	Debbie O'Brien
June 28	Diane Russell

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 which was turned in by members of the Council.

the Council Membership Survey

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 clean-up. These are only a few of the things we and our Families do.

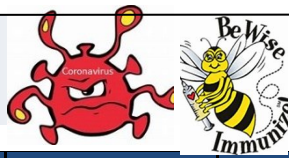
Monthly Record of Volunteer Service Hours for Council 15001

May

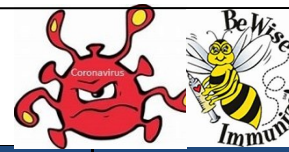
2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary _____
 Raffle Ticket Sales _____
 State Convention _____
 Servers _____
 EM _____
 Lector _____
 Adoration _____
 Other: _____

June

2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary _____
 Servers _____
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 Other _____



June 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 30 Free Donut Sunday 	 MEMORIAL DAY 2021	1	2 General Meeting in O'Carroll Hall at 7:00 p.m.	3	4	5
6 Donut Sunday and Corpus Christi celebration 	7	8	9	10	11	12 Rosary at Planned Parenthood 
13	14  FLAG DAY	15	16	17	18	19
20  HAPPY Father's DAY	21 Officers' Meeting 7:00 p.m. In Conference Room	22	23	24 Check presentation to St. Paul's Scout Troop 916 	25	26
27	28	29	30			

[Upcoming Events For June/July 2021](#) [Listing of events currently available](#)

June 2 General Meeting O'Carroll Hall at 7:00 p.m.
 June 6 Donut Sunday and Corpus Christi celebration
 June 12 Rosary at Planned Parenthood
 June 14 Flag Day
 June 20 Father's Day
 June 21 Officers' Meeting in Conference Room and Zoom
 June 24 Check presentation to St. Paul's Scout Troop 916



When the chance arises



July 04 Independence Day
 July 07 General Meeting O'Carroll Hall at 7:00 p.m. and Installation of Officers by DD Rich Ryan
 July 10 Rosary at Planned Parenthood
 July 19 Officers Meeting

Remember: Hot water and soap will shorten the life of a virus. Also, wearing a mask may also make a difference.



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



Prayer to End Abortion

We often discuss in the newsletters and during General Meetings the need to have Rosary Saturday which is the second Saturday of each month. While many of you are able to take some time out of your valuable day, it would be a great example to yourselves, your family and your parish to make an appearance as often as possible. Every prayer is valuable to you and to our Blessed Mother Mary. It is through Her that we ask for God's intercession to stop the needless killing of convenience that is occurring. So once again, we ask you to try to come to as many of the Rosary Saturdays as possible during each year.

*Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life,
And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.
I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion,
Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son.
I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.
Today I commit myself
Never to be silent,
Never to be passive,
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.*

*I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement,
And never to stop defending life
Until all my brothers and sisters are protected,
And our nation once again becomes
A nation with liberty and justice
Not just for some, but for all.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen!*

For Those Who Are Sick & Distressed

Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness.



Hear the prayers we offer for our sick Brothers or their relatives:

*Gary & Dema Schulte, Father Bitrus Maigamo
Mike & Chris Murphy, Rick Razzano, Bill Hintze, Steve Alonge,
Colin Russell, Cecile Calderon, Ave Marie Leonard,
Diane Russell, Carol Dzielak, Nadine Swartz, Mary Weege,
Georgette Wayne, Ray Rosetti 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, and during 2021 - Robert Kerrigan, Roger Madrid (* Designates a Charter member), John Connery and Ernie Weege

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