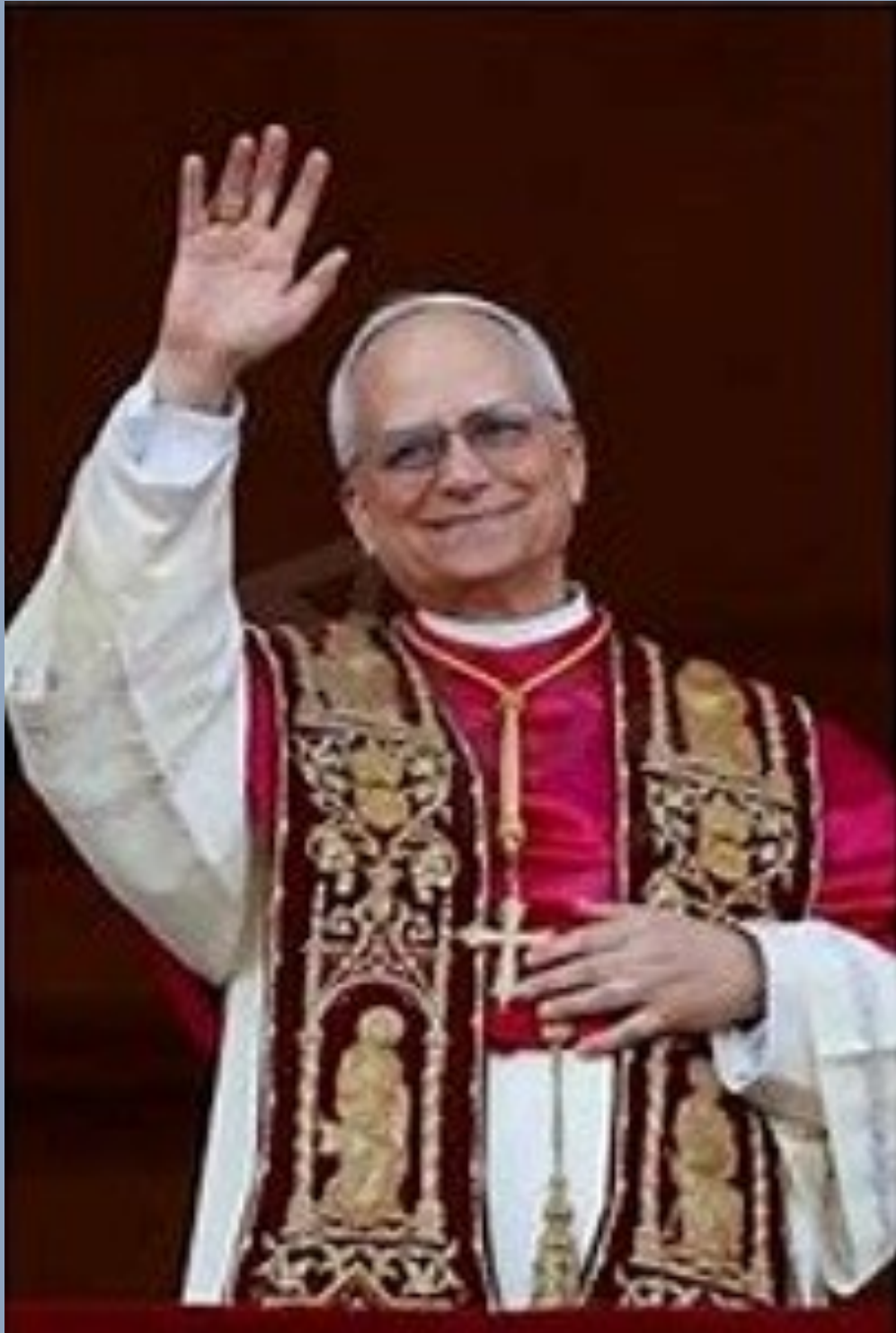


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**June 2025**

Pope Leo XIV, born Robert Francis Prevost, is the first American pope, elected on May 8, 2025, and known for his extensive missionary work and leadership within the Catholic Church.





**June 2025**

Council 15001

Your Officers for 2024-2025

Grand Knight.....Charley Billingsley, GK  
 Chaplain.....Fr. Dindo "Bruno" Cuario  
 Asst. Chap.Fr. Adeodatus "Deo" Rwehumbiza  
 Deputy Grand Knight.....Ed Fischer  
 Chancellor.....Andy Picard  
 Financial Secretary.....Kirk LaPlante PGK  
 Treasurer.....Phil Tabita PGK  
 Trustee 3 yr.....Daniel McGinn PGK  
 Trustee 2 yr.....Francis Abijaoude PGK  
 Trustee 1 yr.....Richard Diefendorf PGK  
 Advocate.....Gary Schulte PGK  
 Recorder.....Rick Smith  
 Warden.....Artie Hauer  
 Inside Guard.....Tom Roggenkamp  
 Outside Guard (1).....Fred Cosme  
 Outside Guard (2).....Al Gillis, PGK

Appointed Officers

Lecturer.....Gary DeGregorio  
 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?**

I know that we are all thrilled with our new Pope being American born, but at the same time saddened by the loss of Pope Francis.

Life is like that—joy and sorrow. We have all experienced it, some rarely and others multiple times. Think of the joy of a new born baby and then the loss of a loved one. Think of the time in school when you got an "A" grade and then were crestfallen over a "C" when you were too ill to be at school. Life is all about the ups and downs we all experience.

However, when we go to church and experience the mystery of the Eucharist being a miracle before our eyes, then we know what the feeling of "up" is all about.

"Up" is also another item to think as being important in our lives. It is always up to us to do better, to raise others up to a higher level than they currently hold. It is up to all of us as Catholics to maintain and share the values that we all can share with others. This is called "love".

First, Jesus taught that the greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and the second most important commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself. These are basically the two fundamental laws of being a true Christian.

Most of us are able to meet those requirements easily, but some may find that they have a feeling of resentment and may not embrace the idea. That is why we as Knights are empowered to go out and be disciples of the Lord.

We must wholeheartedly give of ourselves to help those in need and to see if they can be easily helped by ourselves or if there is a need for further social intervention and protection. Part of this we learn in the Safe Environment Training course given each year by the Diocese of Phoenix.

Are you ready to go out and be a disciple of the Lord!? Hopefully you said yes!

**For Fraternal Year 2024-2025**

**The State Theme is:  
Faith Transforms Culture**



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## Grand Knight's Report



Charley Billingsley, GK

Dear Brothers in Christ,

It has been a sincere honor to serve as Grand Knight for Council 15001 during the year 2024-25. As we embarked on this journey together, our focus was on fulfilling our objectives and meeting our goals, united as brothers walking the same path.

However, life, in its unpredictable nature, brought forth a profound challenge. Shortly after assuming the role of Grand Knight, a cancer we believed we were battling began to overwhelm my beloved wife, Terra. She was hospitalized through August and passed away Sept. 3rd. The impact of such a loss is beyond words. There is also no adequate way to express my gratitude to my Brother Knights for your unwavering support and love during this time. Your compassion and solidarity have been a testament to the strength of our brotherhood and the grace of God.

Words that echo throughout the Knights of Columbus: **Charity, Unity and Fraternity**, ring with much greater truth to me today than they did a year ago. I learned from the very bottom that when a Brother is down, Knights rally around him. And I don't mean in symbolic ways, but in real, tangible, meaningful ways. I felt it. I want all of you to know how grateful I am for that. As we continued our journey forward as St. Paul Knights we took a bold step to reimagine how we generate funding for our mission. A few years ago, we made the decision to invest in a Bingo machine and to legally position ourselves to host more Bingo events. Our hope was that these gatherings would not only foster a sense of community among our parishioners but also provide the necessary revenue to support our objectives.

Thanks to the foresight of our Council in years past, in 2024-25 we successfully established an operational system for smooth Bingo events and, through trial and error, have confirmed that O'Carroll Hall is the only viable venue for Bingo at St. Paul's. We hosted seven events in 2024-25 and achieved our financial goal, which was previously met through raffle sales. With the continued cooperation of our parish, we anticipate an increase in the number of Bingo events next year.

In addition to our financial achievements, our Council membership has reached a significant milestone with an increase of 17 members. We have already initiated six of these new members and hope to initiate six more by June 22. We look forward to welcoming the remaining five in July, the first month of the next Fraternal Year (which is July 1st through June 30th of the next year). I encourage each of you to take a moment to introduce yourself to our newest members at your earliest opportunity. Let us warmly welcome them into our fold and help them become great Brothers in our community.

### ***Our calendar is filled with meaningful events once again***

**Doughnut Sunday – June 1**: All attending Mass are welcome. We ask all Knights to attend with their families and take out a moment to introduce yourself to someone new. Our hospitality provides a welcoming image of the Knights. Moreover, it's a wonderful opportunity to encourage those exploring the faith to return to Mass. It's also a treat for your family after 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday, where free Krispy Kreme and cake doughnuts will be served.

**CUF Degree Ceremony – June 1**: Three new Knights will be officially welcomed by Council 15001 on June 1st. Join us in the spirit of our shared faith and commitment to service at the Charity, Unity and Fraternity (CUF) Degree ceremony following the 9:30 a.m. Mass that Sunday, in the Conference Center.

**Council Meeting – June 4**: Voting for 2025-26 officers at the Council's monthly membership meeting. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the St. Paul Conference Center. As usual, the meeting will be approximately one hour and can help you determine how you can best participate in Council activities.

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**Rosary to End Abortion – June 11:** All Knights and their families are asked to join us at 8 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in front of an operating abortion facility at 5771 W Eugie Ave, Glendale, AZ 85304. We pray the Rosary with the intention that mothers will choose to keep their babies and that abortion workers will change their hearts and leave that type of work.

**CUF Degree Ceremony – June 22:** We will try to capture as many of our new Knights who haven't been through CUF and then officially welcome them to Council 15001 on June 22. Join us in the spirit of our shared faith and commitment to service at the Charity, Unity and Fraternity (CUF) Degree ceremony following the 9:30 a.m. Mass in the Conference Center.

We hope to see you soon. Council 15001 encourages members to attend at least nine of the 12 monthly membership meetings each year and to volunteer for at least three Council activities annually.

If you know someone who would be a good fit for the Knights, please encourage them to join our Council. They can sign up online.

Thank you for your continued dedication and service.

Vivat Jesus!

Charley Billingsley  
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**Family of the Month—June 2025**  
**The Soto-Johnson Family**

The Knights of Columbus St. Paul Council recognizes the Soto-Johnson family this month as a shining example of the Domestic Church, first educators, source of growth in charity, love and faith, and spark of many vocations.

Sean and Dr. Christy were married on September 6, 2012 at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Sacramento, California and have been parishioners at St. Paul for the past 6 and a half years.

They teach their son, Xavier (age 6), about serving the Lord, almsgiving, feeding the homeless, and volunteering at places such as Feed Our Starving Children.

Xavier likes to visit patients at Dr. Christy's naturopathic clinic where he brings smiles to their faces and warms their hearts with his gentle touch.

The family is involved with Family Faith Formation and nightly Bible reading.

Dr. Christy is a member of the Pastoral Council and the Liturgy & Worship Committee.

Besides exemplifying service to Church and community, Sean teaches Xavier about emotional intelligence and helps him gain self-reliance skills, learning to use tools and understand mechanics. The family grows its own food, grows and make its own medicine, and teaches others about the beauty and gifts God provides through His creations.

Family of the Month program celebrates remarkable families at St. Paul. To nominate a family, contact Phillip Tabbita at [PTabbita@att.net](mailto:PTabbita@att.net) or call 202-256-9642.

May God be the center of our homes.

## Family of the Month—May 2025

### The Brule Family



Mark and Cathy Brule were married on May 16, 1992 and they arrived at St. Paul's parish about six years ago.

Mark is active with the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), as well as confirmation and other activities in the parish. Among his degrees, Mark has an associates degree in theology from the Franciscan University. Mark and Cathy have completed their two year program at the local Phoenix Kino Catechetical Institute.

Five of their six children, James, Mary, Danielle, John and Peter are scattered around the country. Their youngest, Andrew, is active at St Paul as an adorer, altar server and a Knight of Columbus Council member. Cathy and Mark are blessed with 5 grandchildren. The family will be leaving St. Paul in the next couple of weeks, and everyone would like to thank them for all their personal contributions to St Paul's parish and wish them well.

## 2024-2025 Gifting Committee Recommendations

As the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year concludes, our Council's charitable outreach continues. The annual meeting of our Council's gifting committee has recommended Council fund donations to the following charities and organization. These donations are made possible by our Council's monthly "Bingo Knights".

Grand Canyon Newman Center

Matthew 19-14 Project

Phoenix Diocesan Seminary

Poor Claire Nuns of Tonopah

Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

St. Paul's Chapter of the St Vincent De Paul

St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Family

Sunshine Soccer League

Life Choices Women's Clinic

OCIC Christmas Coloring Books

St. Paul's Parish Staff Christmas Gifts

The final contributions (dollar amounts) to be distributed will be presented during our June 4, 2025 General Business Meeting.



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## Who May Be Elected An Officer Of The Council?

Supreme Council's Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Order

**Eligibility For Office SEC. 92.** (a) Only members who have been initiated in the first three degrees of the Order shall be eligible for any office in subordinate, State or Supreme Councils, or in the Order. This shall not apply to the first Officers of a new subordinate Council, or to medical examiners. State Deputies, etc., may Declare Office Vacant

(b) A State, District or Territorial Deputy may declare any office in a subordinate Council vacant, where the officer fails or refuses to perform the duties of his office.

**Elections SEC. 93.** In all cases of election to any office in the Order or its branches, a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect; except that where several of equal degree are to be chosen as directors, trustees, delegates, etc., a majority shall not be necessary, but all shall be voted for on one ballot. No ballot containing names of more or less candidates than there are places to be voted for shall be counted, and those receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected in order of the number of votes received and to the number of places to be filled.

## What title are Past Officers Entitled To Use?

**SEC. 94.** Supreme Knights, State Deputies and Grand Knights completing at least one full term of any of said offices or having served more than six full months of an unexpired term in any of said offices, shall be entitled to the title and privileges thereof with the prefix "Past" on retirement from the same, provided a member elected Grand Knight of a Council at its institution or elected State Deputy upon the organization of a State Council and holding until the end of such term, shall have the same title and privileges as if he had filled a full term. Also, a member shall have such title but not the privileges in the Council or jurisdiction to which he may subsequently transfer his membership.

Below is a "Slate of Officers" who have been nominated for Fraternal Year 2019-2020. However, during the general meeting, any 3rd Degree member may "throw his hat or name into the ring" and be considered by votes of the members present. The member having the most number of votes will be elected.

**SEC. 145 Trustees:** (In part) Thereafter, at each succeeding election, one Trustee shall be chosen for a term of three years.

### The Slate of Officers For 2025-2026 Fraternal Year are for the following positions:

**Grand Knight:** Ed Fischer

**Deputy Grand Knight:** PGK John Blome

**Chancellor:** Rick Smith

**Treasurer:** Phil Tabbita, 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

(3 yr. term) **Trustee:** Charles Billingsley, PGK

(2 yr. term) **Trustee:** Dan McGinn, PGK

(1 yr. term) **Trustee:** Francis Abijaoude, PGK

The following Officers are appointed by the incoming Grand Knight

**Financial Secretary:** Kirk LaPlante, PGK (Appointed by Supreme);

**Chaplain:** Fr. Bruno Cuario

**Asst. Chaplain :** TBD

**Lecturer:** Appointed by the Grand Knight



## 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*

## Council Membership Drive—Spring 2025

Our Council's membership director PGK Dan McGinn, with fellow Council members: GK Charles Billingsley, PGK Phil Tabbita, Richard Rael, PGK Tom Russell, Andy Picard, Ted Cherekos, Ken Ross, Rick Smith, Gerry Campos, Arty Hauer, Mike Aguilar, Manuel Flores and Wyatt Billingsley.

Our membership drive was a success. We are thrilled to welcome 11 new members and a transfer into Council 15001. They are Fr. Aaron Agorsor, John Alejo Jr., Mark Davis, Luke Fazio, Sam Hana, Anh Andy Hoang, Shawn Jorgensen, Joevis Miguel, David Nowell, Fernando Pedraza and Miguel Romero.

A special thank you goes out to our District Deputy Rich Ryan and the State Membership Director Dan Kudulis for all of their assistance with this year's membership drive. We also witnessed Dan Kudlusa's remarkable ability to encourage and close so many new members. Several of us have been in discussions with these new Brothers for months, and then our State Director managed to secure their commitment within minutes. It was amazing to witness.





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**JOIN US AFTER MASS**   **May 17-18 | After All Masses**

Meet members of our council, ask questions, and learn how you can make a difference. Can't wait? Join now at [KofC.org/JoinUs](http://KofC.org/JoinUs)



### [Rosary to End Abortion](#)

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### [Rosary At Planned Parenthood](#)

Some of our stalworth regulars were at Planned parenthood on Wednesday, May 14th. Thanks to their commitment, we have Council members there each month. There is always room to have some extras individuals come.

**Just a reminder:** We do more than fancy socials, doughnuts and Bingo. We are always looking for volunteers, as we need more hands to help out in all those other areas, to make the work flow easily as well.



## **2025 Ladies Tea: Another Successful Effort**

Our Council's Annual High Tea took place on May 10, 2025 in O'Carroll Hall with 100 ladies on hand to enjoy a most wonderful afternoon. When the ladies arrived, they were escorted and seated by a tuxedoed waiter (our fellow Brother Knights). Each table was decorated beautifully with the lady's own personal touch by their table hostess. Once our ladies were seated, our tuxedoed waiters served their guests with a wonderful display of dainty foods, scones with jams and desserts. Then, as the afternoon concluded, each lady was presented with a beautiful red rose.

As always, this year's Ladies High Tea was a Knights' team effort. The event was chaired by Deputy Grand Knight Ed Fischer.

Our kitchen and clean up crew included Scott Ziebarth, PGK Al Gillis, Tom Van Buren and Don Sciarrotta, Gerry Campos and Artie Hauer.

Our waiters and bus men were Andy Picard, Dan McGinn, Nelson Mayo, Mike Aguilar, Francis Abijaoude, Roel Zamora, Luis Samudio, PGK Tom Russell, PGK Phil Tabbita, PGK Richard Diefendorf and Ed Fischer.

Our Setup and Clean up team included John Blome, Artie Hauer, Gerry Campos, Tom Roggenkamp, Richard Rael, Ted Cherekos, and Charles Billingsley.

Here are some of pictures from this year's successful Ladies High Tea.



## 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](mailto: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.

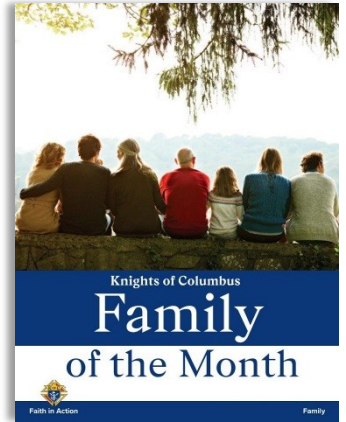
### **Family of the Month**

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](mailto:Ptabbita@apwu.org)

# **KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS—YOUR SHIELD FOR INSURANCE FOR LIFE**

## **PERMANENT LIFE INSURANCE**

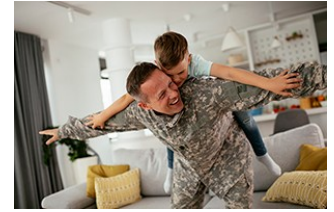
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**What is it?** Permanent life insurance is our signature product. It can provide money to your family when you die, and can build cash value while you live. It's **guaranteed**. It's **secure**. It's **dynamic**.

**Who needs it?** Permanent life insurance is a great way to provide security for your family. It may be an ideal solution if you're interested in:

- Providing money for final expenses so your family doesn't have to.
- Supplementing or replacing income so an untimely death wouldn't impact your family's level of financial comfort.
- Providing funds for your children's college education in case of the unexpected.
- Shielding your family against any remaining mortgage payments, so that they aren't overwhelmed by debt or forced to move if you die unexpectedly.
- Giving a donation to a charity or special interest as part of your legacy.

Supplementing an estate or mitigating estate taxes<sup>1</sup>.



### **How does it work?**

Permanent life insurance – like all life insurance – is designed primarily to provide money (also known as a death benefit) to your designated beneficiary when you pass away. All Knights of Columbus permanent life insurance policies have premiums that are guaranteed not to increase – no surprise bills to keep your policy. Our permanent life insurance policies also accrue cash value over time. Should the policy be eligible for any dividends (which are not guaranteed), you can also elect to put those proceeds back into your policy by purchasing additional paid-up insurance. Additional paid-up insurance increases your policy's death benefit and cash value. Your policy's cash value can be used either through a partial loan or a full surrender of the policy, or as collateral.

**What options do I have?** Knights of Columbus permanent life insurance products can be flexible to fit your needs.

#### **Product Options**

##### **Limited Pay Whole Life Insurance**

Our flagship policy for maximum flexibility. At the time of your application, you choose how many years to pay premiums, with a five-year minimum payment period. This period is fixed and guaranteed – a plan tailored to your unique insurance planning needs, even up to and through your retirement years.

##### **Single Premium Whole Life Insurance**

An efficient, guaranteed means of protecting your family and starting your legacy with one premium payment. Your policy is paid up and begins building cash value with that single premium.

##### **No-Lapse Guarantee Universal Life Insurance**

An adjustable policy, that accumulates cash value throughout your lifespan and offers flexibility in your premium payment schedule. The Lapse Protection Rider is automatically attached to your policy at no additional cost, ensuring your policy remains in force as long your premiums are paid.

##### **Survivorship Universal Life Insurance**

A policy that insures two lives, has flexible premium payments and pays at the death of the second insured. Often used by couples for estate planning, estate conservation or estate equalization.

##### **Graded Death Benefit Whole Life Insurance**

No underwriting (limited underwriting in Canada) required for this final expense product.

#### **Beneficiary Options**

You decide who will receive your death benefit: a spouse, children, other relatives, a trust or even charity. You can have more than one beneficiary and can divide proceeds proportionally.

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**Birthdays— June 2025**

June 01	Daniel McGinn		June 03	Marietta Anderson
June 06	John Blome		June 25	Debbie O'Brien
June 20	Phillip Tabbita			
June 20	Michael Abbott			
June 26	Gerald Schulte			
June 28	Michael Wagner			

**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**

**May**

Ladies High Tea \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd Wednesday P.P. Rosary \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Convention \_\_\_\_\_  
 Servers \_\_\_\_\_  
 EM \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lector \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adoration \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bingo: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**June**

2nd Wednesday P.P. Rosary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Servers \_\_\_\_\_  
 EM \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lector \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adoration \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

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



# June 2025



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

## Upcoming Events For June/July 2025

### June 2025

- June 01 Donut Sunday/Family of the Month
- June 04 General Meeting 7:00 p.m. In Conference Room
- June 11 Rosary at Planned Parenthood
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 16 Officers Meeting 7:00 p.m. In Conference Room
- June 22 CUF ceremony following 9:30 a.m. Mass
- June 19 Assembly 1805 Meets at 7:00 pm St. Joseph's church



### July 2025

- July 02 General Meeting 7:00 p.m. In Conference Room
- July 06 Family of the Month
- July 09 Rosary at Planned Parenthood

**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](mailto: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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