



**March 1, 2020**

Council 15001

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Charity, the first word we think of when we think about the Knights of Columbus. It is through Charity that we are known and by Charity that we are guided. Just last weekend, on February 23rd, the Knights came out in force to help the parish put on a most successful Parish Picnic—one of the best we have had in years! It took many hands to make this event very notable. Above everything else, it was our Fraternity of men working in Unity, along with others that prevailed. However, with that said, normally the Grand Knight is the one who is given praise for a successful event, but in reality it would not have happened without the key chairperson at the helm. Yes, it was through the dedication and hard work of Brother PGK Al Gillis that our true success was gained. But, without the backing of our others Knights, the event would not have been so easily done.

With the picnic behind us, we should be getting ready for the other big events of the year and first off will be the Nun Run in March, along with the 10th Anniversary Corporate Mass, Laugh For Hope and maybe even the annual Knights at the Races. Truly it will be a full plate to continue with our many works once again. But, while we have the secular activities happening, let's not forget that Lent already started last week, with Ash Wednesday, on February 26th and ending with Easter on April 12th.

Then, somewhere at the end of the Easter season, we will be planning to hopefully be able to have a PWID charity event of Bingo and the follow-up of a kite afternoon with the Sunshine Soccer League.

For those who are Knights, there are many areas where your volunteering can make a big difference. Whether it is with 2nd Sunday Rosary as the Planned Parenthood or the Christmas Pizza Party or the PWID event we try to hold, there is something out there for every person to work. Also, let's not forget the necessity of having people available to cover the shifts at the Blessed Sacrament Adoration Chapel. Giving of ones time can be one of your greatest treasures in life. To slightly twist the phrase of President John F. Kennedy: "Ask not what your parish can do for you, but what can you do for your parish"!

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

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



**For Fraternal Year 2019-2020**

**The State Theme is:**

**KNIGHTS SERVING GOD, SERVING THE COMMUNITY  
THIS IS WHO WE ARE, THIS IS WHAT WE DO**



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE  
IN SERVICE TO ALL

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Grand Knight  
Richard Diefendorf

## Grand Knight's Column



Brother Knights and families,

For most older Catholics, the first thought that Lent brings to mind is giving something up. I remember in my childhood, that the standard was to give up candy, a discipline that found suitable reward in the baskets of sugary treats we received on Easter. Some of us even added to the Easter surplus by saving candy all through Lent, stockpiling what we would have eaten had we not promised to give it up.

Some years ago a friend of mine told me that he had urged his children to move beyond just giving up candy to giving up some habit of sin that marked their lives. About halfway through Lent he asked the children how they were doing with their Lenten promise. One of his young sons had promised to give up fighting with his brothers and sisters during Lent. When his father asked him how it was going, the boy replied, "I'm doing pretty good, Dad--but boy, I can't wait until Easter!"

That response indicates that this boy had only partly understood the purpose of Lenten "giving up." Lent is really about conversion—turning our lives more completely over to Christ and His way of life. That always involves giving up sin in some form. The goal is not just to abstain from sin for the duration of Lent, but to root any sin out of our lives forever. Conversion means leaving behind an old way of living and acting in order to embrace new life in Christ. For all of our new catechumens, Lent is a period intended to bring their initial conversion to completion.

Just a thought—what about not giving something up, but instead adding something that we have not been doing. Lent is about conversion, turning our lives more completely toward Christ and his way of life.

### Examples of serving others:

How about participating in praying the rosary at Planned Parenthood on the second Sunday of March, on the 8<sup>th</sup> and then on April 12th at Easter? If you've never done this why not try it out for Lent. How about helping by participating in the Nun Run on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> or maybe attending the Bishop's rosary on Good Friday with your family. Also, maybe you could add one hour during Lent to share with a Brother in adoration. Just one hour during Lent in one of the overnight hours that are hard to fill (12am,1am,2am,3am,4am or 5am) so just during Lent that we as Knights make sure our Lord is never left alone.

These are things I know you believe in because you are a Knight. As a Knight it's all about Charity, Unity, Fraternity and giving, but not just giving up.

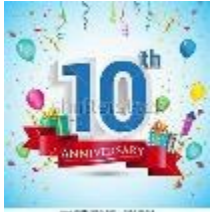
Vivat Jesus

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GOD BLESS YOU                      Council 15001  
Step "Into the Breach"  
And TOGETHER, LET US GO FORTH!

## Council Prayer for Lent

Let us pray,  
**Incline your ear, O Lord; answer me, for I am afflicted and poor.**  
**Keep my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you.**  
**You are my God. Listen, Lord, and answer me.**  
**Have mercy on me, O Lord, for to you I call all the day long.**  
**Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**  
**For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. Amen**



## 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CORPORATE MASS SET FOR MARCH 15



It's time to celebrate the 10th Anniversary and creation of St. Paul's K of C Council 15001, and all participate on the date of the celebration which is at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday, March 15, 2020!! 10 years ago on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2010, Gary Schulte, our Charter and First Grand Knight received the charter for our Council from Supreme Headquarters.

This charter was given with a total of 35 Charter Members. Since that date, we have more than tripled our size to 110 during that period of time and have become one of the strongest group of contributors to our parish.

All members are urged to plan to attend this 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass, with their family members, and then meet for a breakfast afterward, put on by the Men's Club.

There will be a special section of the church reserved for Knights and their family members. All Knights are urged to wear their K of C blue shirts and badges, with khaki pants.

- ◆ All liturgical positions will be filled at this mass by Knights or their wives, as follows:
- ◆ Co-Celebrants: Fr. Bruno and Fr. Ishaya (our Chaplain and Asst. Chaplain)
- ◆ Lectors: PGK Gary Schulte and Don Kolb
- ◆ Eucharistic Ministers: Scott Ziebarth, Roel Zamora, PGK Tom Russell, and DGK Kirk LaPlante
- ◆ Ushers: Al Sindorf, Ernie Weege, Joe Schumacher, Bill Miller, Nelson Mayo, Ted Cherekos, Ken Long, and George Mendell
- ◆ Gift Bearers: GK Richard & Margaret Diefendorf
- ◆ Psalmist: Janell Adams/Ziebarth
- ◆ Server: Eric Moreno

We are working on possibly holding a special Rosary in conjunction with the Mass—with details to come later.

### Listing of Past and Current Grand Knights of this Council



Charter  
Grand Knight  
Gary Schulte  
2010-2011



James Doorley  
2011-2012



Allen Gillis  
2012-2013



Jack Swartz  
2013-2014



Gregory Vanek  
2014-2015



John Blome  
2015-2016



Richard Diefendorf  
2016-2017



Thomas Nash  
2017-2018



Thomas Russell  
2018-2019



Richard Diefendorf  
2019-2020

## Parish Picnic Weathered Well

On Sunday, February 23rd, our Council once again sponsored and paid for the parish picnic with over 400+ guests who came to enjoy the great food, entertainment and comradery of other parishioners. The day before, early on Saturday morning, some of the stalwart Knights, Chairperson PGK Al Gillis, PGK Tom Russell, Steve Pettit, DGK Kirk LaPlante, OG Bill Miller, Editor Tom Karl, along with wives, Donna Gillis, Mac Diefendorf and Jo Karl, met at the Costco Warehouse at Cave Creek. Below are some of the photos showing that everyone was hard at work.



## **PARISH PICNIC LARGEST EVER!!**

The St. Paul's Parish Picnic held Sunday, February 23rd, was most likely the largest ever by several estimates. We had not received any official numbers by the time of this writing, but it was obvious from the crowd in O'Carroll Hall that it was full to capacity. A total of 61 Knights were on hand in one capacity or another (with a good many of them working directly or with others just enjoying the festivities).

Those Knights noted in attendance were: Mike Abbott, Francis Abijaoude, Tom Adamson, Mike Aguilar, Steve Alonge, PGK John Blome, Fred Brandt, Jim Cairo, Mike Carney, Bill Castellarin, Norm Cellini, Andre Cerna, Ted Cherekos, Jack Connery, Butch Cook, Fr. Cuario, Craig Cullity, Ed Cunningham, GK Dief Diefendorf, Frank Dzielak, David Earl, Jim Gentner, PGK Al Gillis, Tom Goss, Wayne Granger, Joe Gray, Artie Hauer, Greg Huelskamp, Tom Karl, Don Kolb, DGK Kirk LaPlante, Jim MacDonald, Nelson Mayo, Dan McGinn, George Mendell, Bill Miller, Mike Murphy, PGK Tom Nash, Steve Pettit, Dave Romano, PGK Tom Russell, Ruperto Salinas, Luis Samudio, Father Ishaya, PGK Gary Schulte, Al Sindorf, Joe Schumacher, Tommie Smith, Jim Soderlund, Jerry Surdakowski, PGK Jack Swartz, Chris Theut, John Van Cuyk, Tony Vechiola, Mike Wagner, Bob Waugh, James Wayne, Ernie Weege, Roel Zamora and Scott Ziebarth.

The burgers, brats and hot dogs were cooked and served by the Knights as well as the ice cream provided as dessert. Many parishioners brought side dishes including salads and desserts. Our parish Scout Troop 916 helped a lot with many of the activities and various parish councils took on other responsibilities which made the day such a success.

Delightful music was being played all during the meal time, with many games and other activities, that was also taking place outside O'Carroll Hall during the time period from noon to 3 p.m.

Lastly, it is with special thanks that goes out to the many Knights' wives who worked hard that day to ensure this was a most successful project—and it was!



Luis says to start small to achieve bigger successes!



Meanwhile, back in the kitchen and hall, the picnic goes on. (Photos by Jo Karl)



(Photos from Mary Hauer's Facebook pages—with permission)



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## *Thoughts of Spring*

March brings thoughts of Spring. For some, it's time to begin Daylight Savings Time; a little more sunlight into the evenings as the days become longer. For those in the north, it means looking forward to the thaw after winter. For some it is welcome relief after months of frigid temperatures, howling winds and heavy snow. Some in the south, who enjoy the milder winters, now realize again that after Spring, a hot summer ensues.

Spring also brings thoughts of spring cleaning. After being cooped up all winter, it's traditional in many households to do that deep cleaning all throughout the house. That means washing down walls and moving furniture to clean behind pieces that haven't seen the light of day since last year's cleaning. It means taking down and washing drapes and curtains; windows are washed inside and out. (Thank goodness for modern tilt windows that mean no time outside in the chillier weather.) This is a time when the whole family is all expected to pitch in and my "Honey Do" list gets longer and longer. (Personally, I'm the window washing guy.) In days gone by, when most everyone had a coal fired furnace, a winter of closed windows meant the walls needed a good washing. With gas, electric and hot water boilers there's less of a need to wash walls, but for some, it's still a tradition. Spring is a time of renewal and revival.

While you're getting rid of all the old cobwebs of Winter and freshening the house, now is a great time to do some sprucing up with a fresh look at your family's financial security.

As your Knights of Columbus Field Agent (FICF) and also now a Financial Services Certified Professional (FSCP) I've been trained to help you through that important exercise. Sit down with me for a free financial needs analysis using our Profiles+ Forecaster platform. I'll take the time to gather information from you, ask about your wants, needs and desires, and put together any recommendations to help you meet those needs.

With a wide range of products; life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities, I can help you plan for your family's financial security now and for many years to come. All with the safety and security of dealing with a company that shares your faith and beliefs and invests in accordance with Church teaching.

Be sure to ask about the new life insurance product, the Protector NLG Universal Life. It may be a fit for your particular needs.

Get ready for Spring—get your home freshened up and make sure your financial house is spruced up. It's an easy and friendly visit from me, a brother Knight.

Vivat Jesus!

God Bless,



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**Final Reminder—ANNUAL DUES REALLY ARE DUE— For Some, Way Overdue!!**

All the members of Council 15001, and all other Councils for that matter, have been mailed notices that their annual dues are due for calendar/fiscal year 2020. Most of our Council members (90) received notice by email, 8 received notices by “snail mail”, and the remaining 15 are either exempt because of their being a priest or seminarian, or by being a “life member”. Annual dues are \$36 per paying member, and are actually due on January 1, 2020. 79 members have paid. For those who have not, I ask you to please submit your checks to: **Financial Secretary, 625 W. Gibraltar Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85023**. Our Council is required to pay a portion of dues to State and also to Supreme, so those members who fail to remit are being paid for by their fellow members, so keep this in mind if you are having any hesitancy in submitting your check! JS/FS

**Membership Card**

**ATTENTION:** For your membership card. **If you have paid your dues**, your card will be available to you at any Council 15001 meeting from the Inside Guard; if you cannot make it to a meeting and want your card, please send me, your Financial Secretary, a self-addressed envelope with stamp attached and your membership card will be sent to you. Send Mail to: **Financial Secretary, 625 W. Gibraltar Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85023**.

**Stations of the Cross**

St. Paul’s Parish will be having meatless soup suppers the Fridays of Lent and have asked the various organizations of the Parish to host one these suppers. This is an annual tradition and we request as many Knights as possible to come and be a part of this meaningful community prayerful reminder of why we are Christians and Catholics.

Council 15001 has selected March 20 as the evening we will play host, which includes the supper plus helping and manning the positions at the Stations Of the Cross, that follow the suppers.

We will be seeking volunteers for this event at the March 4th General Meeting. JS



**Annual Nun Run**

Our Council is requesting volunteer workers for this annual event.

- Event is Sat March 7, 2020 at Kiwanis Park, Tempe
  - This is the tenth Annual Nun Run; Council 15001 has been involved in the run for the last 10 years
  - We will meet at Kiwanis Park in Tempe at 5:30am. There will be a car pool opportunity from the church
  - We are done by 9:30am
  - Event is open to Knights, wives, kids and grandkids. There is always a particular need this year as some of the many other longtime volunteers can not make it this year
  - Sign up was at the February general meeting; however, you can contact me with yours or family members names and shirt sizes for all individuals volunteering for the event ([adgillis2728@gmail.com](mailto:adgillis2728@gmail.com))
  - We are by far the largest group of volunteers every year and THE NUNS ARE COUNTING ON US!
  - This is a Marquee Council Event and part of our commitment to the religious of our diocese
- The nuns have a race website <https://desertnunrun.com/>  
 We are mentioned in the sponsorship tab.



PGK Al Gillis  
2020 Nun Run 15001 Chair  
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## *Birthdays—March 2020*

05-Mar Jack Connery  
 14-Mar Anthony Kinyon  
 26-Mar Francis Abijaoude  
 27-Mar Al Sindorf  
 27-Mar Steven Schubert  
 28-Mar John VanCuyk



3-Mar Mary Goss  
 10-Mar Paulette Aguilar  
 16-Mar Carol Dzielak  
 23-Mar Ana Bertha Terminel

**NOTE:** Wives' birthday list was taken from the Council Membership Survey which was turned in by members of the Council.

*We would really like every member to complete this survey so that we can have the most complete and accurate birthday listing available.*

## *Our Knights In Action*

During the past Fraternal Year, PGK Richard Diefendorf sent a full year listing of the types of volunteer service hours, in a form format, to each member. We will try to continue that by providing a two-month list for you to fill out and give to the Financial Secretary. **You may also include any ministries that your wife and family participate in.** This means that you may include time for any and all parish ministries: EM, Adorer, Usher, Lector, Altar Server, Dusting Angels, RCIA, teaching or assisting at Catechesis, prayer shawls, decorating the Church at Christmas and Easter, attending Degree ceremonies, and of course the picnic and Campus cleanup.

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

Monthly Record of Volunteer Service Hours for Council 15001

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### *February*

Parish Picnic \_\_\_\_\_  
 Men's Conference Parking \_\_\_\_\_  
 Raffle Tickets \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donut Sunday \_\_\_\_\_  
 Servers \_\_\_\_\_  
 EM \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lector \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adoration \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

### *March*

Nun Run Parking \_\_\_\_\_  
 Raffle Ticket Sales \_\_\_\_\_  
 Stations of the Cross Dinner \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donut Sunday \_\_\_\_\_  
 Corporate Mass \_\_\_\_\_  
 Servers \_\_\_\_\_  
 EM \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lector \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adoration \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

# March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  Donut Sunday	2	3	4 General Membership Meeting at 7:00 Conference Room 	5	6	7 Nun Run 
8 Rosary at Planned Parenthood 	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Corporate Mass 9:30 a.m. Breakfast to follow	16 Officers' Meeting Rm 8 7:00 p.m. 	17	18	19 Fourth Degree meets at St. Joseph's 7:00 p.m. 	20 Knights serve Lenten Friday supper in Conference Room	21
22  Blood Drive Sunday  Donut Sunday	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## [Upcoming Events For March 2020](#)

Mar 01 Donut Sunday  
 Mar 04 General membership meeting in Conference Room  
 Mar 07 Nun Run  
 Mar 08 Rosary Sunday at Planned Parenthood  
 Mar 15 Corporate Mass—**Council's 10th Anniversary**—March 15th  
 Mar 16 Officers' meeting 7:00 p.m. Rm 8  
 Mar 19 Fourth Degree meets at St. Joseph's 7:00 p.m.  
 Mar 20 Knights serve Lenten Friday meal in Conference Room  
 Mar 22 Blood drive/Donut Sunday

## [Upcoming Events For April 2020](#)

Apr 01 General membership meeting in Conference Room  
 Apr 04 Knights at the Races??  
 Apr 05 Palm Sunday/ Donut Sunday/Raffle ticket sales start/LADIES TEA TICKETS START  
 Apr 10 Good Friday Rosary at Planned Parenthood with Bishop Olmsted  
 Apr 12 Easter Sunday  
 Apr 16 Fourth Degree meets at St. Joseph's 7:00 p.m.  
 Apr 18 Bingo for Sunshine Soccer League  
 Apr 20 Officers' meeting 7:00 p.m. Rm 8  
 Apr 24 Laugh For Hope  
 Apr 25 First Responder's Dinner  
 Apr 26 Donut Sunday



## [Prayer to End Abortion](#)

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

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

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



## [For Those Who Are Sick & Distressed](#)

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

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

*Joe Gray, Larry Mackin, Mike and Chris Murphy, Collette Thompson, Cecile Calderon, Roy Smith, GK Dief's wife Mac, Pat Long, Andy Patti, Lila Van Cuyk, Rick Razzano and Kenneth Miller.*

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

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

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