



May 1, 2020

Council 15001

Your Officers for 2019-2020

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So many people are worried about how their lives are being affected now during this pandemic and sometimes forget to be thankful for the things we really have. We have God, we have Love, we have Brother Knights who are concerned about us. Yes, I'm sure that all my Brothers are saying some prayers for each other, families, parishioners and all their friends. This is what Faith is all about. About trust in the Lord our God.

God is always happy to hear from us in prayer or from our good Works of the Order or just doing good things in our lives. Let us not dwell on the problems we have, but rather on the joys that we can experience.

How many of us are now doing things of leisure which we have not been enjoying for several years or longer? Do you enjoy your family more and make contact with loved ones more often now?

Let each of us learn from a lesson brought forth from this pandemic. It is simply Love! Yes, through love we keep our separation from others so that we will not spread disease to others. We learned that God is always there for our comfort—He has not abandoned us—He is always there!

Do you say your daily rosary? I hope that you will take the time to add an extra decade to your daily rosary to offer those prayers up for those who are in strife, dealing with the loss of someone they love or know or just so that that can get through each day if they struggle with depression. Your praying will lead to a more healthy life and love of God. You will again be communicating with God in a more positive way and eventually will reap the benefits of prayer. Remember what many of us were taught as little ones—God hears all of our prayers, but he does not always answer them right away. Sometimes God wants us to learn lessons of humility, faith and trust in Him.

If you have not been praying for others and just for yourself, now is the time to start thinking of others and praying harder for the end to all the suffering we are seeing. God bless each of my Brothers and their families and those whom they love. Love is the Golden Rule!

**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 of Council #15001,

I hope that each one of you are well and safe in the midst of this Coronavirus pandemic. I want you to know one of my prayers at night is for you and your family to be safe and healthy during this crazy period of time.

Here are a couple of things I would like you to be aware of:

◆ #1. The State raffle, as you read this, will have only a few days left for ticket transactions. The ticket stubs and money received needs to be in our Raffle Chairman Michael Aguilar's possession by May 4th. There are 3 beneficiaries we approved by the Council on our Zoom video General Meeting on April 22nd.

They are:

The Sunshine Soccer League receiving 60% of our Council's \$\$ portion

Our Lady of Solitude receiving 20%

Life Choices Women's Clinic receiving 20%

As soon as Michael tallies the money received from the raffle tickets, I will inform you of each of the dollar amounts.

◆ #2. Even though we can not meet together at Planned Parenthood, as we have done on the 2nd Sunday of each month for the last 10 years, please consider saying the rosary with your family in your home for all children who might be aborted during the month of May. All unborn children need our prayers and thoughts. Prayers really do make a difference. All together we can and will make a difference.

Listed in this newsletter is a slate of Officers for our next Fraternal Year 2020/2021. Voting will take place at our June 3rd General Meeting. Our bylaws state "...nominations may not be closed until the election meeting has convened and the members are ready to ballot." If you would like to run for an office, submit your name or the name of someone you would like to see as an Officer, please make sure you have been given their OK for their name being added to the nomination committee list! PGK Al Gillis, as 1 year Trustee, is the Nomination Chairman, along with PGK Tom Nash our 2nd year Trustee and PGK Tom Russell as our 3rd year Trustee.

We will be hosting an "Insurance Get to Know" wine and cheese with our Field Agent Wes Casaus together with our Pastor Fr. Bruno as soon as the restrictions for get togethers are lifted. It may come down to doing this on a video informational call with Wes to see what is available for insurance underwritten by the Knights of Columbus to Catholic families who are not members of the Knights. More on this to come in later emails or newsletters.

Lastly, in the works, is a Knights' Open House for bringing new Catholic men into our Council and will include using the new method of e-registration and degree ceremonies.

God Bless

Vivat Jesus

Richard "Dief" Diefendorf, GK

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GOD BLESS YOU

Council 15001

Step "Into the Breach"

And

TOGETHER, LET US GO FORTH!

[Prayer for Catholic Men](#)

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, we humbly beseech You to call Your faithful sons to a fuller life as Catholic men of faith and action in the Knights of Columbus. Help them to be joyful, knowledgeable Catholics living in the modern world. By Your Grace, guide them so that they will become beacons of light shining forth in defense of the Church's Sacred Scripture, Sacred Traditions, and Magisterium, her teaching Office. Help them to always cultivate the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity in their daily lives so that they may always share Your Truth with others.

We ask this through Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Mary, mother of the Redeemer and of the redeemed, pray with us for more Catholic men to labor in the vineyard of your Son as Knights of Columbus.

[REMEMBER FEAR AND PANIC ARE CONTAGIOUS,
BUT SO ARE HAPPINESS, LAUGHTER AND PEACE.
CHOOSE WISELY.](#)



Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic

(By Pope Francis)

**O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.**

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

To stay healthy and informed visit the Diocese of Phoenix webpage: dphx.org/stayhealthy

[General Meeting held Online Wednesday April 22, 2020](#)

On Wednesday evening, at the Council 15001 online Zoom General Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Arizona State Deputy Mario Vassallo joined our meeting to provide us with words of encouragement and make us all aware that the State Council is here to serve us. We thank the State Deputy for his kind words and hope he expressed for all of us in Arizona the desire to get back to a more normal way of life.

Vivat Jesus.

We were almost able to do most of the normal activities we use at our meetings. However, it was noted that we all need to remember in the future to address our Worthy Grand Knight with his title when speaking to him. This applies to all Officers of the Council when we address them. We know it's hard to do normal business online; however, with a little bit of practice I know that everyone will find this mode or method an easy way of doing business.



Mike Aguilar

Brother Knights,

We are in the home stretch of the State Raffle. 51 ticket packets have not been picked up from the parish office. I need to receive all ticket stubs by May 4th! I will be at the parish office to handle all ticket transactions on the following days and times.

Only these days and times will any ticket issues be handled. There is not a member of the office staff available to assist.

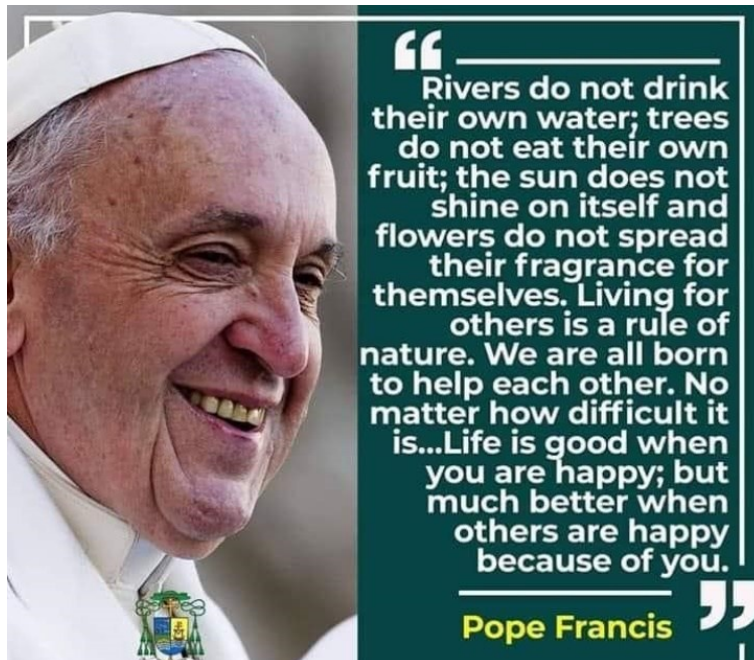


[Friday April 24th , Monday April 27th, Friday May 1st, Monday May 4th - 9am to 11am](#)

Remember this is for Charity. We are under difficult circumstances but with God's Blessing everything is possible. May God's will be done.

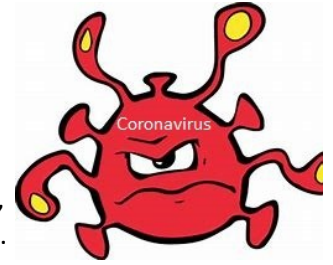
Vivat Jesus!

Michael Aguilar Jr
Raffle Chairman
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Information from Johns Hopkins

The following is from Irene Ken, physician, whose daughter is an Assistant Professor in infectious diseases at Johns Hopkins University - quite informative.



* The virus is not a living organism, but a protein molecule (DNA) covered by a protective layer of lipid (fat), which, when absorbed by the cells of the ocular, nasal or buccal mucosa, changes their genetic code (mutation) and convert them into aggressor and multiplier cells.

* Since the virus is not a living organism but a protein molecule, it is not killed, but decays on its own. The actual disintegration time depends on the temperature, humidity and type of material where it lies.

* The virus is very fragile; the only thing that protects it is a thin outer layer of fat. **That is why any soap or detergent is the best remedy, because the foam CUTS the FAT (that is why you have to rub so much: for 20 seconds or more, to make a lot of foam).** By dissolving the fat layer, the protein molecule disperses and breaks down on its own.

* HEAT melts fat; this is why it is so good to use water above 77 degrees Fahrenheit for washing hands, clothes and everything. In addition, hot water makes more foam and that makes it even more useful. * Alcohol or any mixture with alcohol over 65% DISSOLVES ANY FAT, especially the external lipid layer of the virus. * Any mix with 1 part bleach and 5 parts water directly dissolves the protein, breaks it down from the inside.

* Oxygenated water helps long after soap, alcohol and chlorine, because peroxide dissolves the virus protein, but you have to use it pure and it hurts your skin.

* NO BACTERICIDE OR ANTIBIOTIC SERVES. The virus is not a living organism like bacteria; antibodies cannot kill what is not alive.

* NEVER shake used or unused clothing, sheets or cloth. While it is glued to a porous surface, it is very inert and disintegrates only -between 3 hours (fabric and porous), -4 hours (copper and wood) 24 hours (cardboard), 42 hours (metal) and 72 hours (plastic). But if you shake it or use a feather duster, the virus molecules float in the air for up to 3 hours, and can lodge in your nose. * The virus molecules remain very stable in external cold, or artificial air conditioners in houses and cars. They also need moisture to stay stable, and especially darkness. Therefore, dehumidified, dry, warm and bright environments will degrade it faster. * UV LIGHT on any object that may contain it breaks down the virus protein. For example, to disinfect and reuse a mask is perfect. Be careful, it also breaks down collagen (which is protein) in the skin.

* The virus CANNOT go through healthy skin. *Vinegar is NOT useful because it does not break down the protective layer of fat.

* DO NOT USE SPIRITS, NOR VODKA. The strongest vodka is 40% alcohol and you need 65%. * USE LISTERINE IF IT IS AVAILABLE! It is 65% alcohol. * The more confined the space, the more concentration of the virus there can be. The more open or naturally ventilated, the less. * You must wash your hands before and after touching mucosa, food, locks, knobs, switches, remote control, cell phone, watches, computers, desks, TV, etc. And whenever you use the bathroom. * You must moisturize dry hands from so much washing, because the molecules can hide in the micro cracks. The thicker the moisturizer, the better. * Also keep your NAILS SHORT so that the virus does not hide there.

JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL

“SUPPORT YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS” USING CALLING TREE PROJECT

Your Council 15001 early in April took on the task of contacting our fellow Knights and other parishioners stranded at home because of the recent coronavirus crisis. After information and urging of the Supreme Council and the State Knights Organization, our Council leadership met with our Pastor Fr. Bruno, Associate Pastor Fr. Ishaya and Parish Coordinator Craig Cullity, to discuss and develop a plan of action to check on all parishioners who were sequestered by government edict. Representing the Council were Grand Knight Rich Diefendorf, Deputy Grand Knight Kirk LaPlante, and PGK/Financial Secretary (FS) PGK Jack Swartz.



It was determined that the first phase of the project would be to get a volunteer group of Knights to make calls to Knights families as a test run. After a volunteer solicitation email to the membership, a “core group” of 13 Knights was put together and each of these volunteers was given 4 other Knights families to contact and to find out if they needed help of any kind. In a 3 day period, April 8, 9 and 10, a total of 74 families were contacted either directly or were left phone messages. Of the 74 contacts, 60 were direct conversations, with 14 being left phone messages. In all cases the families reported they were in good shape and did not need additional service and almost all expressed appreciation for the contact. The 74 homes included 13 Knights’ widows and 13 families of the Knights making calls.

The Knights making calls were: Francis Abijaoude, Mike Aguilar, Bob Benincasa, Andre Cerna, Ted Cherekos, GK Rich Diefendorf, Don Kolb, DGK Kirk LaPlante, Dan McGinn, Bill Miller, Jim Soderlund, Mike Wagner and Roel Zamora. Serving as Project Captain was PGK/FS Jack Swartz.

Subsequently, our committee contacted the parish Adoration Team and the Women’s Guild, and both groups then each set up Calling Trees and a lot more parish families were contacted.



From Our Pastor and Council Chaplain



Fr. Bruno

April 16, 2020

To St. Paul Parishioners, Families and Community:

He is Risen! Alleluia! Easter season is upon us and during the next several weeks, it is normally blending in with springtime renewal. This year is different. Our lives are different.

We are experiencing an incomprehensible invisible enemy (COVID-19) that is affecting our very way of life. There are no words, just feelings of sadness as the mortality rate flashes across the television news. We check with our families across the world, just to be reassured that we are grateful for the access to healthcare, food, water, and ability to stay at home without major complaints.

Since early March, our Diocese has been very proactive in responding to the everchanging uncertainty that has been unfolding each week. At first, we had level 1 precautions, then week later level 2 and then 2 days later complete suspension of all Masses, events, religious education, faith formation, Catholic schools, and any gatherings with more than 10 people. We have experienced heartache with funerals without Mass, families unable to visit hospitals and yet Arizona seems to be much better off than other states. Another proactive measure is that parishes across the Diocese have been working closely to help maintain basic operations. We engaged in weekly calls and share the struggles, both in our pastoral vocation without a congregation and as parish leaders without a sustainable income.

Once again, planning and preparing against an invisible virus that has caused loss of jobs, family separation and financial ruin has been at the forefront of our conversations. The feelings are beautifully captured with Bishop Olmsted's weekly videos found on www.dphx.org/stayhealthy or [Diocese of Phoenix YouTube](#) channel. Of course, our primary mission is to be pastoral and provide spiritual formation with online Masses, Diocesan Holy Week book, parishioner outreach and more. It has forced all our parishes to do creative outreach, online Masses, social media videos and motivated me to send my personal Easter cards to parishioners. Our work is for the Lord!

Then in early March, I engaged St. Paul Finance Council so we could quickly begin to account for upcoming financial fall out. As you know, Easter is our largest plate collection, and we needed a plan. At the same time, the Diocese mandated several immediate cost savings initiatives. This included an immediate 25% pay cut to all priests for 6 months and furlough directive for Diocese Pastoral Center staff. The financial ramifications of the COVID-19 are felt at every parish and Diocese around the world.

For St. Paul, I was profoundly humbled as our staff had already voluntarily cut their hours in early March and more recently, the way Maryann Symancyk & Daena Mireau were so understanding with reduction of staff changes. In addition, remaining staff members' hours were reduced and granted temporary reduction in salary. In these situations, it is of utmost importance that people understand it is not about an individual performance. In fact, we are incredibly grateful to Maryann Symancyk and Daena Mireau and the entire staff for their outstanding performance, dedication, and service. As with all staff reductions and with the complete suspension of church activities, we could not support roles that would not be needed for an undetermined amount of time. I am proud that the staff has recognized these changes with humility. I am grateful to Fr. Ishaya for stepping up and oversee ongoing formation of our catechumens (RCIA) so we can welcome them to our Catholic way of life. Additionally, I acknowledge our Pastoral Associate, Craig Cullity for absorbing more job roles and leading remaining staff.

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At this point, we do not know how many weeks or months we will be suspended, nor do we know if we can go back fully, partially, or will the virus come back again? We planned for the current suspension scenario but remain hopeful that we can restore our Church to full operations.

Finally, with the Finance Council and Diocese's guidance, St. Paul is actively researching and applying for any grants, government assistance (Care Act, Payroll Assistance), bank programs, etc. that will ultimately provide relief. I also acknowledge the many parishioners who continue to give online or mail/drop off their weekly envelopes. May God bless each one of your families for your faithful devotional tithes. Because of your generosity, our parish is fortunate compared to some parishes with 90% drop in income. I believe with these early interventions; the parish will be quicker to recover, and we pray that this extended absence will strengthen the faithful and they will return with full resolve and devotion.

As your Pastor, I am deeply concerned for your overall welfare. I empathize and share the feelings of uncertainty and pray deeply for our staff and parishioners. I am also lifted spiritually by families and parishioners who have shared how this pandemic has extended their prayer time, family time and reevaluated values. Fr. Ishaya and I are praying for your intentions. Feel free to send your intentions to admin@stpaulphoenix.org so we can add them to our lists.

Just like our Lord, we will Rise and be stronger than ever as a community of faith, hope and love. We must believe with God all things are possible. (Matthew 19:26).

May God Bless You,

REV.FR. DINDO C. CUARIO, Pastor

[St. Paul's Perpetual Adoration Chapel](#)

Perpetual Adoration Coordinator

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Hourly Coordination Team:

Morning/Afternoon Adorers (6am-5pm)

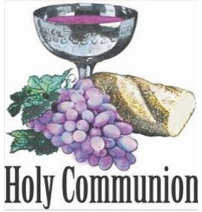
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Evening/ Nighttime Adorers (6pm-5am)

Paul Tanton - Cell: (602) 363-6167 - Call or text ok.

No email at this time.





SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Pope Francis prays for those who are isolated due to the spread of COVID-19, he invites Catholics to unite ourselves to Christ and one another in the spiritual communion of the Eucharist. "In this situation of pandemic, in which we find ourselves living more or less isolated, we are invited to rediscover and deepen the value of the communion that unites all the members of the Church."

The Pope said: "United to Christ we are never alone, but we form one single Body, of which he is the Head." The pope called it "a union that is nourished with prayer and also with the spiritual communion in the Eucharist, a practice that is highly recommended when it is not possible to receive the sacrament."

Spiritual Communion is the practice of desiring union with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. It is used primarily by individuals who cannot receive Holy Communion, such as the ill, the divorced and remarried, and those who have not yet been received into full communion with the Church. St. Thomas Aquinas described it as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the most holy sacrament and lovingly embrace him" at a time or in circumstances when we cannot receive him in sacramental Communion.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You.
Amen.

DID YOU KNOW?

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: The Feast of the Divine Mercy is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, the Octave Day of Easter (April 19th 2020) This feast day is originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued by the Catholic Church.



The feast of Divine Mercy, according to the diary of Saint Kowalska, receives from Jesus the biggest promises of grace related to the Devotion of Divine Mercy, in particular that a person who goes to sacramental confession (the confession may take place days before) and receives Holy Communion on that day, shall obtain the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment. That means each person would go immediately after death to heaven without suffering in purgatory (or hell). Additionally, the Roman Catholic Church grants a plenary indulgence (observing the usual rules) with the recitation of some simple prayers.

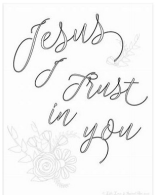
Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, reported visions and visitations from Jesus and conversations with Him. He asked her to paint the vision of His merciful Divinity being poured from His Sacred Heart and specifically asked for a feast of Divine Mercy to be established on the first Sunday after Easter so mankind would take refuge in Him: I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. — Jesus' words, Diary 341

Special dispositions: Additionally, for the faithful who, for a justified reason beyond their control, are unable to go to church or chapel, may obtain forgiveness with the recitation of one Our Father and Creed before a devout image of Jesus adding "Merciful Jesus, I Trust in you." They will receive the plenary Indulgence that day with the condition of fulfilling the usual sacramental requirements at a later time. Even if the above is impossible to do, the indulgence is granted if with spiritual intention they unite themselves to the ones carrying on the prescribed practices with the intention of fulfilling the requirements as soon as it is possible.

[A Little Bit Of Humor Is Good For The Soul](#)

- 1) Keep on with your cooking but serve only half portions.
 - 2) Limit your drinks to one per day...protect against fatty liver.
 - 3) Don't spin that toilet paper roll like you are on Wheel of Fortune, act like a safecracker now.
 - 4) Everyone must learn to practice social distancing—from the refrigerator.
 - 5) If you can't decide where to go for an outing, try the living room or your bedroom...the back patio will work too and eat out—out on your patio!
 - 6) If you are worried about your fitness, every few days try your jeans on, pajamas are nice, but your jeans may now be too small for you.
 - 7) Is your home schooling going according to plan...no students suspended for fighting or teachers suspended for drinking on the job?
 - 8) I moved the clocks to Standard Time, but don't know how to adjust them for the Twilight Zone. Any ideas?
 - 9) This morning I saw our neighbor lady talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. When I came back in the house, I told our dog and we laughed a lot.
 - 10) My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately that when I pee, I notice that I automatically clean the toilet.
 - 11) Tell your homeschoolers that a call-in bomb threat is not going to work.
 - 12) I was so excited to take out the garbage this morning, but did not know what to wear? I get the paper in my PJ'S.
 - 13) I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to my backyard...I'm going to pick some daffodils coming up in the garden for the table.
 - 14) We saw a Classified Ad in the paper this morning: "Single man with toilet paper."
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[Trust In Him](#)



"God wants you to know that He loves you, that He has not forgotten you; and for you to have peace you will need to simply surrender to His love in faith." Later one evening, as I was laying my head down on my pillow, I began to surrender to the love of the Father in faith. And guess what!? Game changer! Peace flooded my soul and that was the night that I began the slow turn to recovery from Covid-19.

My friends, do not let this thing steal your peace. Yes, some of us, even we who are Christ followers, will get sick and some may even die, but that does not change the love of God for those who have made Him their refuge. As the apostle says, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. (2 Corinthians 5: 6-10). The disciples were doing quite well. They had the Messiah with them, people were being healed, demons were being cast out and miracles were happening every day.

Following Jesus at that time was easy. But then they got on a boat and a storm arose. When they looked for Jesus he was nowhere to be found. He had gone below decks to take a nap on a cushion. When they found Him, they said, "Don't you care, if we drown?" I can relate. But Jesus got up, rebuked the wind and the waves, and said, "Peace, be still!" And the storm obeyed. Then Jesus had some words for His disciples. "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" (Mark 4:36-41).

Peace in the storm comes when we exchange our fear for faith. Trust in Him today, my friends, surrender to His love, make surrendering your prayer in faith tonight as you lay your head down on your pillow and His peace will flood your souls like a river. We are praying for you.

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro/M. Falcioni.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

KNIGHTS OF  COLUMBUS

The following will be in both the May and June edition of the newsletter:

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 2020-2021 Fraternal Year are for the following positions:

Grand Knight Kirk La Plante
Deputy Grand Knight Francis Abijaoude
Chancellor Bob Benincasa
Recorder Ruperto Salinas
Advocate PGK Gary Schulte
Treasurer Jim Cairo
Warden James Wayne
Inside Guard David Earl
Outside Guard #1 Bill Miller
Outside Guard #2 Mike Murphy
Trustee 1yr PGK Tom Nash
Trustee 2yr PGK Tom Russell
Trustee 3yr PGK Richard "Dief" Diefendorf
Financial Secretary PGK Jack Swartz (*Not voted by Council as he is appointed by the Supreme Knight. He is entering his 2nd of 3 year role*)
Lecturer PGK Al Gillis (Appointed by incoming Grand Knight)
Chaplain Fr. Bruno Cuario
Assistant Chaplain Fr. Ishaya Samalia

MINUTES – ON-LINE GENERAL MEETING, WED., APRIL 22, 2020

Opening – GK Diefendorf called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Fr. Bruno led in prayer, followed by the Flag Salute. GK spoke briefly about the format for the on-line meeting and indicated that roll call would be done by log-in.

Members Logged in: Francis Abijaoude, Mike Aguilar, Bob Benincasa, PGK John Blome, Ted Cherekos, Butch Cook, Fr. Bruno Cuario, GK Diefendorf, David Earl, PGK Al Gillis, Greg Huelskamp, Tom Karl, DGK Kirk LaPlante, Ken Long, Bill Miller, PGK Tom Nash, PGK Tom Russell, Fr. Ishaya Samalia, PGK Gary Schulte, Joe Schumacher, Jerry Surdakowski, PGK Jack Swartz, Roel Zamora, and Scott Ziebarth. State Officers present were State Deputy Mario Vassallo and District Deputy Frank Atherton. (Members who tried to log on but were unable were: Steve Alonge, Mike Murphy, Ruperto Salinas, Jim Soderlund, Tony Vechiola, and James Wayne).

State Deputy – GK Diefendorf properly introduced State Deputy Mario Vassallo who spoke about a number of topics including membership growth and need for recruitment, and the many activities that our council is doing as well as what others are doing around the state. He said he appreciated that our council has him on our mailing list so he can keep up with our activities.

Minutes – GK indicated that he had received no additions or corrections of the minutes emailed to all members, therefore they were approved by acclamation.

Grand Knight Report:

Nominations – GK reported that PGK/T Gillis, chair of the Nominating Committee, had presented the following list of candidates as having agreed to be nominated to the following positions:

Grand Knight- Kirk LaPlante

Deputy Grand Knight – Francis Abijaoude

Chancellor – Bob Benincasa

Recorder – Ruperto Salinas

Advocate – PGK Gary Schulte

Treasurer – Jim Cairo

Warden – James Wayne

Inside Guard – David Earl

Outside Guard #1 – Bill Miller

Outside Guard #2 – Mike Murphy

Trustee (3 yr.) – PGK Richard Diefendorf

Trustee (2 yr.) – PGK Tom Russell

Trustee (1 yr.) – PGK Tom Nash

Financial Secretary – PGK Jack Swartz (2nd yr. of 3 yr. appt. by Supreme)

Lecturer – PGK Al Gillis (apptd. by GK)

Chaplain – Fr. Bruno Cuario

Asst. Chaplain- Fr. Ishaya Samalia

Other nominations may be made by submitting same to Chairman PGK Al Gillis prior to the June election.

Giftng Committee – GK reported of the action taken by the Officers Meeting on April 7th, that 60% of our share of the Raffle proceeds go to the Sunshine Soccer League, that 20% go to the Poor Clare Desert Nuns and that 20% go to the Women’s Clinic. It was estimated that between \$2,500 and \$3,000 be available for distribution. Lengthy discussion followed. A motion to changes this distribution failed on a vote of 7 for and 13 against, which was then followed with a recommendation to approve the Officers Meeting recommendations, which was approved by a vote of 14-7.

State Convention – GK reported that the State Convention would be a short, online meeting on May 16th and that our First Delegates were: DGK Kirk LaPlante and GK Richard Diefendorf, with Alternates being PGK/FS Jack Swartz and Raffle Chairman Mike Aguilar.

Next Meeting - GK reported the next Council General Meeting would be another online meeting on Wednesday, May 6th, at 7 p.m.

Treasurers Report - the Treasurers written report was displayed on the screen, showing a beginning bank balance on March 1, 2020, of \$10,017.62. Income since then, of \$575.00, disbursements of \$934.30, leaving a checking account balance of \$9,658.32 (additionally there are currently uncashed checks in the amount of \$760.86).

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Financial Secretary Report – FS Swartz reported that one of our cherished members, Joe Gray, had died since our last regular meeting and that our Council was sponsoring a Mass for him on Friday, April 24th. Also, since the last meeting, in conjunction with Fr. Bruno and the parish office, a Calling Tree had been developed and activated to call most Knights to check if they were doing OK; a total of 74 families had been contacted, 60 were actually talked to and all seemed to appreciate the call, but none expressed any specific needs. We had also contacted the Adoration Group and they had activated a Calling Tree, as well as the Women’s Guild, which assured that a large number of families in the parish had been contacted. Also, it was reported that of those listed on the Adoration Team, 48 Knights families were represented, which is approximately 50% of our membership.

Charity Raffle – Chm. Mike Aguilar reported that, to date, a total of \$4,818 had been collected from ticket sales, and that only 21 Knights had been involved in buying/selling tickets. This is barely half of the intended goal and will make our donations to our usual charities far less than usual. A special effort will be made to contact members who have usually in the past supported the drive but have not yet done so this year, in wrapping up the drive. Chairman Aguilar believes we can receive approximately \$6,000, which will give us our share as 50% or \$3,000 to contribute.

Miscellaneous – GK Diefendorf covered a number of programs in short order, including: our Insurance quota; holding a Knights open house for prospects later in the year; putting on hold the monthly Planned Parenthood rosary until the virus restrictions are raised, as well as postponing any Donut Sundays, the Ladies Tea and rescheduling the Blood Drive. It was hoped that Father Mark Aune’s first Mass in June could still be held as planned.

Prayers – Prayers were asked for the following individuals: Bryan Darling, Rick Razzano, Larry Mackin, Mike and Chris Murphy, Colin Russell, Cecelia Calderon, and Ana Marie Leonard. The Vocations Prayer was recited and Fr. Ishaya led the group in a closing prayer. GK then adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Recorded by – Jack Swartz, PGK/Financial Secretary for Recorder Ruperto Salinas.

Perpetual Adoration Commitment

I volunteer to partner with a Brother Knight to spend an hour in adoration of Our Lord every other week until the end of the current fraternal year. Together, as Brother Knights, we will ensure that Our Lord is not left alone in that weekly hour.

Plan A “The Dawn Patrol” (Strongly Recommended)

Recognizing that early morning hours are especially inconvenient, I commit myself for the following:

- _____ Sunday 2:00 – 3:00 am
- _____ Sunday 3:00 – 4:00 am
- _____ Wednesday 12:00 (Midnight) – 1:00 am
- _____ Wednesday 1:00 - 2:00 am
- _____ Thursday 12:00 (Midnight) – 1:00 am
- _____ Thursday 1:00 – 2:00 am
- _____ Thursday 3:00 – 4:00 am
- _____ Friday 1:00 – 2:00 am

Plan B (Also Recommended)

- _____ Saturday 10:00 pm or _____ Sunday 8:00 pm

Signed _____ Dated _____

Michael Robinson requested the following letter be posted in the newsletter. While we do not like to see one of our members leave the area, he is being reunited with his family and can still serve his Brother Knights from afar.

March 4,2020

Worthy Grand Knight, Fr. Bruno & Fr. Ishaya, and Brothers,

I hope you'll forgive me, but I'm not very good at speaking to people, that's why I have this printed out also. Some of you may know me fairly well, and some not so well. Some of you probably don't even know me at all. That, I believe, is due to the way I was raised. I never did talk very much, and it always took me a long time to open up, and share my thoughts and opinions. I was born and lived all of my life, except for about ten years, right here in Phoenix. Even though I converted to Catholicism when I joined the Church in 2001, I was baptized as a Catholic when I was six months old. About five years ago, I joined the Knights of Columbus, hoping to finish closing a hole in my soul, and looking for a way to help people at the same time.

Because of my job, I have not been able to participate in as many projects as I would have liked to, nor have I been able to attend every meeting. Especially during this past year. But the few events I have been involved with have helped me to grow and become closer to our Lord, and the Church. I will always treasure the few friendships I have made, and I deeply regret not getting to know all of you like I should. I also appreciate the sacrifice that some of you made by coming to visit me in the hospital last year when I had to undergo surgery, especially Fr. Bruno who blessed me and gave me the sacrament of the 'Anointing of the Sick', and even those who asked about me.

I have just recently consecrated myself to Jesus, through Mary, and I'm also in the process of consecrating myself to St. Joseph, the foster Father of Jesus, whose solemnity is on March 19th, and is my personal patron saint. I would also like to convey my thanks and appreciation to our Field Agent, Wes Casaus, who worked with me, and since the Knights are truly an international organization, he was able to come up with a solution for my life insurance wants and needs (which every other company that I checked out was unable to do).

As for the reason why I'm standing up here, I would like to inform you, that this is the last meeting I will attend here. I'm not leaving the Church, or the Knights, but rather I'm moving. I have spent the last couple of years trying to get everything ready. That's why I haven't been as involved as I should have been. My wife and I have been separated for several years and, as I partially told our Grand Knight, Dief, a few weeks ago, I will be rejoining her, and our little girl. With my Guardian Angel, Jesus, and Mama Mary, to protect me during the long flight that I'll be taking, I will be with them in the Philippines before Holy Week arrives.

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Thank you so much for your brotherhood, and your friendship. You will all remain in my heart, as true brothers in Christ. And hopefully, I won't have to change my email, so I can continue to receive the Newsletter, and keep informed as to what the Council is up to.

Thank you for everything!

Vivat Iesus!

Michael Robinson

Thoughts of Insurance

Welcome To May!

With Sincere Appreciation

**NURSES DOCTORS ORDERLIES GROCERS
TRUCKERS PHARMACISTS FARMERS
SANITATION WORKERS JOURNALISTS
FIRST RESPONDERS BANK WORKERS
MILITARY PERSONNEL UTILITY WORKERS**

Thank you! 

**MAIL CARRIERS FACTORY WORKERS
CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES VOLUNTEERS
NONPROFIT WORKERS FOOD BANKS
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION WORKERS
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THE CHALLENGES OF THESE TIMES**



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Birthdays—May 2020

May 22 Norm Cellini
 May 26 Kirk LaPlante
 May 29 Charles Kirkland
 May 29 Roel Zamora



May 15 Margaret “Mac” Diefendorf
 May 21 Janell Adams-Ziebarth

NOTE: *Wives’ birthday list was taken from the Council Membership Survey which was turned in by members of the Council. We would really like every member to complete this survey so that we can have the most complete and accurate birthday listing available.*

Our Knights In Action

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

Monthly Record of Volunteer Service Hours for Council 15001

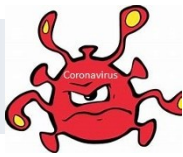
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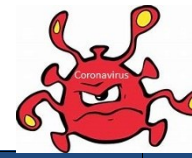
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 Other: _____

May

Ladies High Tea _____
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 State Convention _____
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 Other: _____



May 2020

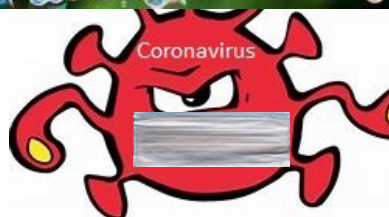


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
CANCELLED			1	2	1	2	
3	4	5	6 Online General Meeting 	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Online State Convention	
17	18	CANCELLED					23
24	25						
31							

Upcoming Events For May/June 2020
Listing of all events is delayed until at least May 15th.

May 6 Online General Meeting
 May 16 Online State Convention

Remember: Hot water and soap will shorten the life of a virus





[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: Bryan Darling, Rick Razzano, Larry Mackin, Colin Russell, Diana Herrenna, Chuck Kime, Larry Mackin, Mike and Chris Murphy, Collette Thompson, Cecile Calderon, Ave Marie Leonard, John and Lila Van Cuyk, GK Dief's wife Mac, Margaret Smith, John Ingraham, Diane Russell.

*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.

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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