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Well, as we all know, due to the pandemic, many of the usual things that occur in May are not being held this year. Like last year, we will not be having “tea” for the ladies nor doughnuts after Masses available as well as having missed the annual parish picnic. The actual list goes on and is too sad to mention.

Let’s look at the positives! Those of us who managed to get through the first phases of the pandemic can thank the Lord for His kindness. After all, it is through His love that we can enjoy each day on Earth. But, how do we repay God for His kindness? Many of us have gotten used to doing “our own thing” and have forgotten how important it is to keep God in our everyday lives. Sometime during the day, do you say “thank you God for letting me enjoy the labor of our love”? I really hope so.

Since we are remembering to thank God, how can we repay His kindness? Well, for one, we can “pass it forward” by doing good things for others. It is during situations such as those we are currently experiencing that we can “shine like the light of day” by giving of ourselves, our time or even some monetary help where needed. If we know about a person, couple or family in need, then it would be “Knightly” and a Christian thing to help them. In some cases, it may be just taking the time to visit with them and make them feel loved and needed. In others, it may be that they need to have help with their yards, moving some furniture or fixing something that they can not afford to do themselves. How about driving a shut in to a doctor’s appointment or even just to take them out for a drive to see some of the cactus in bloom or flowers growing.

Good only comes from the heart and from a person willing to give of their time, energy, talent and availability. As Knights, we need to be available to help others. Make your time their time. Think about how you would feel if you were home bound and no one came to visit, helped with groceries or took you out! Wait for that glow on the face of those who you help! It will be priceless. Do it right—do it like a Knight!

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

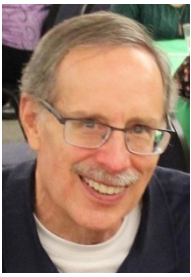


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Grand Knight's Column



Grand Knight
Kirk LaPlante

Brother Knights and families of Council 15001,

I am not sure if Past Grand Knights had challenges coming up with topics for the monthly newsletter GK column, but I seem to struggle each month landing on a topic.

There are so many issues facing our world today: issues in our left/progressive leaning country and issues in the Church, which in many regards gives the outward appearance of having a progressive agenda. We are polarized, both as a country and Church. The German Bishops seem dangerously close to a schism with the Church, slipping away from the teachings of Jesus. Every survey conducted about the Catholic Church reminds us there is a crisis: successive generations are walking away; vocations are plummeting and there are scandals everywhere.

It is easy to get caught up in all this, often times, depressing news!!

So let's focus on some GOOD news!!! I recently attended an online Webinar sponsored by Supreme titled COVID Recovery Program. Supreme is pushing hard for Councils to re-engage, to get back to as "normal" as the each State, Diocese and Parish allows. The Knights are in a unique position to help our pastors bring the faithful back to the "pews", so to speak.

One statistic mentioned during the Webinar that frankly surprised me, was that many Districts around the country are now reporting that between 25% - 50% of their Councils simply shut down last year and have not had a Council meeting or event/project since March 2020. WOW...! I suspect many of those Councils will find it challenging to get back to "normal".

While Council 15001 cancelled most of our events/projects due to COVID, it should make us all feel good that we tackled what we could.

We continued meeting both as Officers and our entire Council by Zoom early on and then in a hybrid setting of in-person and Zoom. We hung Christmas lights and helped decorate the church. We continued to pray the rosary at the abortion clinic each and every month. We participated in Arizona Rosary Celebration virtual program by streaming it in O'Carroll Hall. We hung Christmas and Easter KOC banners! We planted a tree and presented a plague to Irene Gramza for honors received from the Catholic Daughters of America. We answered the Women's Guild call to assist in their shredding event. We also responded to Life Choice Women's Clinic request to help clean their facility. We moved forward with the KOC Raffle, and now are enjoying the ability to sell tickets after Holy Masses. We participated in funeral Masses or grave side services for our fallen brothers. In addition, our annual Corporate Mass was exceptional—thanks in large part to PGK/Financial Secretary Jack Swartz.

While what we were able to accomplish appears to have been a great workload, for the most part, they involved many fewer numbers of Brothers and parishioners—by necessity caused by the pandemic. We missed many events that help bind us as a Council; events that build brotherhood.

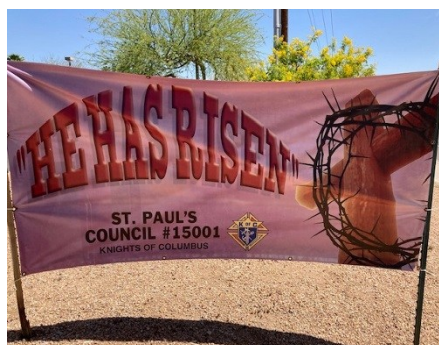
Hopefully, all that is changing!! You will all be hearing more about our plans to get back to normal in the coming weeks.

With prayers and a steadfast commitment to making Council 15001 "Great Again" (Hey, where have I heard that before?), I am confident that very shortly we will be firing on all cylinders.

Kirk, GK Council 15001
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Easter Banners Up

GK Kirk LaPlante, assisted by the parish maintenance staff, put up the Council's Easter banners.



ST. PAUL ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH
CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF
FR. BRUNO'S SACRED PRIESTHOOD

Join our parish family for a Mass and Reception
Friday, April 30, 2021
Mass at 5 PM, Reception follows in the Hall.



CONGRATULATIONS FR. BRUNO!
WE LOVE YOU AND WE THANK YOU!!!



CHAPLAIN/PASTOR FATHER "BRUNO" CUARIO CELEBRATES 30 YRS. AS PRIEST

Council 15001's most Worthy Chaplain (and our revered parish pastor) Father Bruno Cuario shared in the celebration of his 30th anniversary of his ordination as a priest on Friday, April 30, 2021. A special 5 p.m. Mass was celebrated by Father and of course Fr. Ishaya was co-celebrant at the Mass, with many Knights and parishioners in attendance.

Mass was followed by food and drinks at a reception in O'Carroll Hall. At the reception, K of C Council 15001 furnished and served, free of charge to all in attendance, beverages including wine, beer, soft drinks and bottled water.

Knight Fred Cosme, through his catering business, furnished hors d'oeuvres to the attendees. Other Knights who tended bar for the occasion were PGK Jack Swartz, Don Kolb, Frank Dzielak and John Van Cuyk, while GK Kirk LaPlante was in charge of not only purchasing, but delivering the beverages. At the same time, Raffle Chairman Mike Aguilar was out selling tickets to help reach our Council goal. Nelson Mayo also helped with the setup.



Other Knights who attended included: Mike Abbott, Francis Abijaoude, Steve Alonge, Fred Brandt, Craig Cullity, Gary DeGregorio, Wayne Granger, Greg Huelskamp, Ken Long, Jim MacDonald, PGK Tom Nash, Bill O'Connell, Steve Pettit, Ray Rossetti, PGK Tom Russell, Luis Samudio, Al Sindorf, Alberto Vela, Jim Soderlund and Roel Zamora, for a total of 30 members of #15001.

Here are some pictures taken last evening:



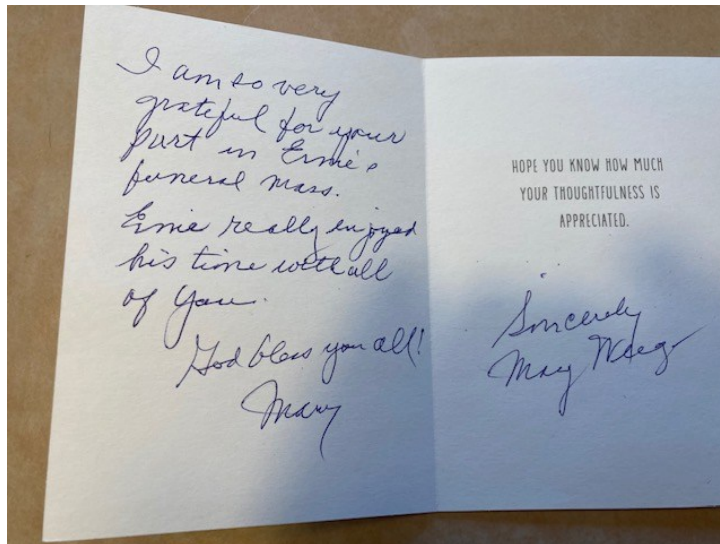
The Prayer of St. Gertrude

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

St. Gertrude, pray for our beloved Brother Knights!

God bless you and your families!

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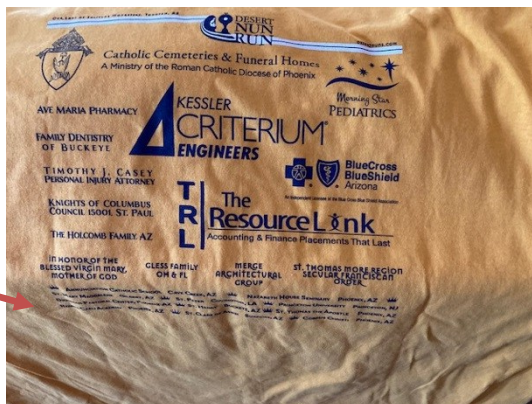


Virtual Nun Run 2021

Shown is the souvenir shirt provided to each entrant in the 2021 virtual Nun Run sponsored annually by the Poor Clare Nuns from Tonopah.

Note that Council 15001 is listed as an annual cosponsor.

Seen here is the back of the t-shirt and the other is the front.



For Your Thoughts For General Meeting

During the Officers' meeting, they voted to recommend to the next membership meeting that the first \$2,000 of the raffle proceeds be equally divided between the Desert Nuns and the Women's Clinic, and that remaining funds be equally divided between Sunshine Soccer, FOCUS, St. Vincent de Paul and the seminarians. That last part may have to be amended later on.

Fourth Degree Sword Available

Does any member wish to purchase a 4th Degree sword? One of our 4th Degree members has one available as he said that "Since it looks like I'm not going to improve enough to participate, let me know if anyone wants it. It's top of the line even the scabbard is chrome plated."

Please contact your Financial Secretary if you have a need or desire to have this item.



From: Michael Aguilar, Raffle Chairman, Council 15001



Mike Aguilar



Dear Brothers,

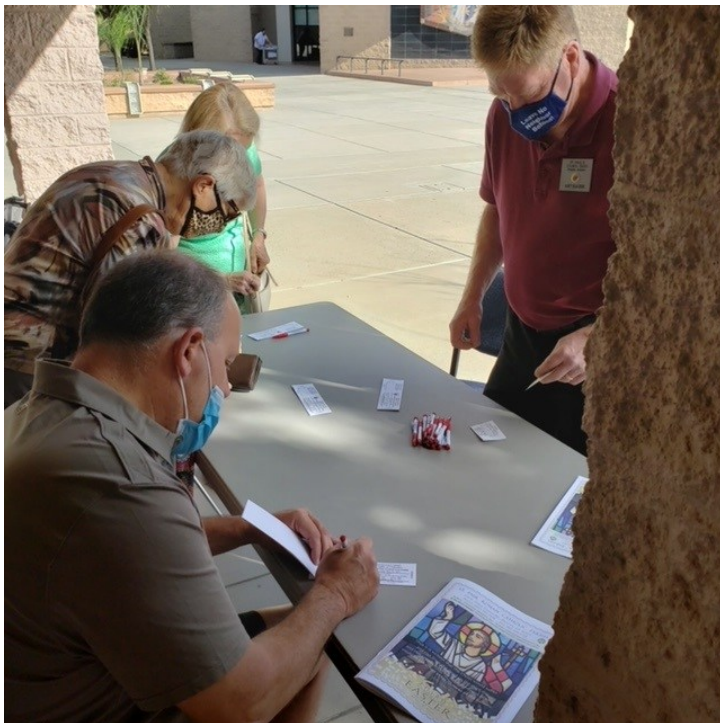
We have been given approval to setup 2 tables and chairs at St Paul's, to sell raffle tickets over the next 5 weekend Saturday and Sunday Masses.

This effort began on April 17th at the 5pm Mass. We will need 12 Knights to man the tables during this time period. I will be present on the first weekend, at all Masses, to help setup and provide a signup sheet for you to record your time slot.

If you are scheduled to work a Mass, you should leave approximately 5 minutes prior to the end of Mass to be able to setup and be ready to meet the parishioners as they leave—some will leave early. When you are answering questions please try to remember to mention that their donation minus expenses goes to charity. Remember to say a prayer for our success. With the grace of God we will make our objective.

If anyone asks for us to tell them what charities we support, please tell them that the Knights of Columbus uses all the money we collect to help pay locally: parish picnic each year, Sunshine Soccer League for disadvantaged children/adults, the Nun Run and the Poor Clare Sisters at Tonopah, Women's Clinic in Phoenix, the seminarians as well as donations to St. Vincent de Paul.

Stress that **not one penny** is kept by the Knights of Columbus for their own use at this Council. What we achieve through our ticket donations by parishioners and the general public is given out for charitable causes.




What Can I Do To Increase My Savings?

Economic and financial change happens at such a fast pace that it is often difficult to sort out the important issues that affect us directly. That is why I try to send periodic messages throughout the year to help my fellow Knights and clients keep up-to-date. I think this month's message is very relevant. Please let me know if I can provide further details by clicking on the additional-details box at the end.

Many people are frustrated with the amount of taxes they are paying. Are you?

Look at the following example!

Show me. →




See what happens when \$1 doubles every year under these two hypothetical examples:

Tax Deferred-0% Tax	Year	Taxable 24% tax
\$2	1	\$1.76
\$4	2	\$3
\$8	3	\$5
\$1,024	10	\$285
\$32,726	15	\$4,816
\$262,144	18	\$26,255
\$1,048,576	20	\$81,330

(Note: Starting in year 2, numbers have been rounded to the nearest dollar. Assumed rate of return does not reflect actual, historical or projected return on any product. Showing impact of taxes only.)

A \$967,246 difference!!!
Taxation Kills Wealth

There is more. →



Thanks for taking the time to view this. Let me know if I can provide additional details to you. We will navigate this crisis together.

Most importantly, stay healthy and safe.

Question: When I want to spend the money in my deferred account, I have to pay taxes on the distributions.

Will the accounts then be equal?

Answer: NO! The difference is staggering!

Tax Deferred Acct	Year 20	Taxable Acct
\$1,048,576	Acct Value	\$81,330
(\$251,658)	Final 24% tax	0
\$796,912	Net value	\$81,330

(Note: Starting in year 2, numbers have been rounded to the nearest dollar. Assumed rate of return does not reflect actual, historical or projected return on any product. Showing impact of taxes only.)

Can I stop the growth killer? →




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 Retirement Annuities • Disability Insurance**

What's more important ...
Return or Taxes?

We think BOTH, and that is our focus. There could be ways to reduce your tax liability and optimize growth!

Don't delay...missed opportunities may not be recoverable.

Please provide additional information →



EXIT →

Birthdays—May 2021

May 20	Rijo Joseph
May 21	Alberto Vela
May 22	Norm Cellini
May 22	Fred Cosme
May 26	D.Kirk LaPlante
May 29	Charles Kirkland
May 29	Roel Zamora



May 15	Margaret "Mac" Diefendorf
May 21	Janell Adams-Ziebarth

Happy Birthday

May God give you the strength and wisdom to smoothly surmount all the challenges life brings you. Stay blessed and enjoy your day to the fullest.

NOTE: Wives' birthday list was taken from 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.

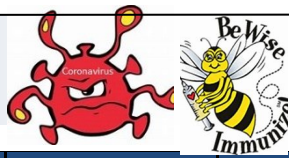
Monthly Record of Volunteer Service Hours for Council 15001

April

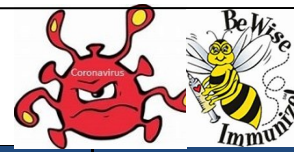
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 Servers _____
 EM _____
 Lector _____
 Adoration _____
 Other: _____

May

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 Raffle Ticket Sales _____
 State Convention _____
 Servers _____
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 Other: _____



May 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 General Meeting in O'Carroll Hall at 7:00 p.m.	6	7	8 Rosary at Planned Parenthood and 
9 Mother's Day HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY 	10	11	12	13 Ascension Day 	14	15
16 	17 Officers' Meeting 7:00 p.m. In Conference Room	18	19	20	21 Arizona KofC 	22 State Convention 
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 					

Upcoming Events For May/June 2021 Listing of events currently available

- May 5 General Meeting O'Carroll Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- May 8 Rosary at Planned Parenthood
- May 9 Mother's Day
- May 13 Ascension day
- May 16 Pentecost
- May 17 Officer's meeting In Conference Room and Zoom
- May 21/22 Arizona KofC State Convention
- May 31 Memorial Day
- June 2 General Meeting O'Carroll Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- June 12 Rosary at Planned Parenthood
- June 21 Officers' Meeting in Conference Room and Zoom



When the chance arises



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



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



Prayer to End Abortion

We often discuss in the newsletters and during General Meetings the need to have Rosary 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:

*Gary & Dema Schulte, Father Bitrus Maigamo
Mike & Chris Murphy, Rick Razzano, Bill Hintze, Steve Alonge,
Colin Russell, Cecile Calderon, Ave Marie Leonard,
Diane Russell, Carol Dzielak, Nadine Swartz, William Karl,
Georgette Wayne, Ray Rosetti and Malek Abijaoude.*

*May all who suffer pain, illness or disease realize that
they are chosen to be saints and know that
they are joined to Christ in his suffering
for the salvation of the world,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, Amen.*

Always keep in mind the unborn who were never given a chance of life.

In Memoriam—All Deceased Knights Of Council 15001—May You Rest In Peace

Milford Naseman, John Cummings, Ross Thompson, John Bagley, Dick Kuehn, Patrick McDonald*, James Gordon, Jim Cassidy, Mike Replogle, Amando Trillo, Tom Callan*, Jon Weaver, Fr. Bob Binta*, Jim Pettit, Joe Gray, Larry Mackin*, Bill Porter, and during 2021 - Robert Kerrigan, Roger Madrid (* Designates a Charter member), John Connery and Ernie Weege

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