

**May 1, 2022**

*May  
Is The Month  
Of The Blessed  
Mother!*



**The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

May is a month of growth, when nature is reborn. This month normally belongs to the Easter season, between Easter and Pentecost.

Many Catholics may be aware that May is consecrated to Mary, but it may be unclear why this month was selected for this particular distinction. The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Our Lady is centuries old, dating back at least 700 years. Blessed Pope Paul VI wrote an encyclical on the month of May, focusing on the Virgin Mary. He wrote that the piety of the faithful has for a long time dedicated the month of May to the Mother of God. He stated in his encyclical, [\*Mense Maio\*](#): We are delighted and also consoled by this pious custom associated with the month of May, which pays honor to the Blessed Virgin and brings such rich benefits to the Christian people. Since Mary is rightly to be regarded as the way by which we are led to Christ, the person who encounters Mary cannot help but encounter Christ likewise.

**Liturgical Context**

May is normally part of the Easter season, the period of fifty days which lasts from Easter to Pentecost. During this time we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection from the dead, a celebration which culminates with his Ascension to the Father and the sending of the Holy Spirit to the Church on Pentecost. It is a fitting time to dedicate to the Blessed Virgin Mary, to recall her intense joy over her Son's Resurrection and the comfort and guidance she gave to the Apostles during this difficult period. During the Easter season, Mary's presence in the beginnings of the Church has been emphasized. She was present in the first community of disciples. In [\*Acts 1:14\*](#), she was present with the Apostles in the upper room as they prayerfully waited for the descent of the Holy Spirit with hopeful expectation. As Pope St. John Paul II stated in [\*Redemptoris Mater\*](#), "Mary was in the Upper Room, where the Apostles were preparing to take up this mission with the coming of the Spirit of Truth: she was present with them. In their midst Mary was "devoted to prayer" as the "mother of Jesus" (cf. Acts 1:13-14), of the Crucified and Risen Christ." Her maternal presence was humble and discreet but fundamental. Among them, she acted as a guide, an exceptional witness of the mystery of Christ, a role she had since His conception and birth, as well as a model of true faith.



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### Council 15001

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

**This is the desire  
of the Supreme Knight.**

**Can you help us make it happen?**

As Knights, I hope that we all pray the Rosary to Our Blessed Mother Mary each day. As many of us know, it is through Her intercession that so many of our prayers are answered. If you think back to your childhood, who did you run to when you skinned your knee or cut your hand? It was usually your mother. Our mothers were always that compassionate person to whom we could turn to for comfort.

So, during May, we too should turn towards Mary our Mother in Heaven to seek solace for our problems and for comfort in our thoughts. How many times have we been frustrated while working on a project, whether it be wood working, finishing a term paper or losing something and then turned to Mary and asked Her to help us?

While we so often ask Mary to help us, how often do we pray to Her for us to help Her solve other’s problems. Right now, with the inhumanity that is going on in the Ukraine, are we praying to Mary to ask Her to help those poor souls who are in pain and suffering to have their burdens lessened?

Praying is not just for our own gratification and easing of our burdens, but should be a request to assist others in need as well. It is through our own compassion for others we will feel a sense of relief that someone will be helping us to assist others in need.

So Brother Knights and families, will you think about praying the Rosary to our Mother in Heaven every day during May? If you do this, then it will be easy for all of us to pray the Rosary each and every day of our lives.

Think of the Rosaries that we pray at Planned Parenthood—how many babies have been saved by our actions? We may not have a true count, but we know from mothers who kept their child that they are grateful that we were there to pray for them in their time of worry.

### **For Fraternal Year 2021-2022**

**The State Theme is:  
Defender of the Faith**



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## Grand Knight's Column



Grand Knight  
Kirk LaPlante

Brother Knights and families of Council 15001,

My wife Janet and I recently watched the movie, *Father Stu*. If you haven't had the opportunity to see the movie, I highly recommend it.

As you might expect, Fr. Stu was a Knight. He was a member of KOC Council 844 in Helena, Montana.

Below are two commentaries and related videos about the movie, both from KOC Supreme website.

The course of Stuart "Stu" Long's life veered radically after a near-death experience and spiritual conversion led him to seminary; it changed again when he was diagnosed with the degenerative disease that would lead to his death at age 50. The life of this extraordinary Montana priest and member of Helena (Mont.) Council 844 is now captured in *Father Stu*, a new film starring Mark Wahlberg. Those close to Father Stu reflect on his life, ministry and how the new film captures his spirit.

*(Editor's note: whenever you try to open a YouTube or other site in newsletters, please put your cursor at the left hand side of the highlighted item and LEFT CLICK your mouse and drag it across to the end. Then, with the highlighted item, using your mouse, you RIGHT CLICK and scroll down to find OPEN HYPERLINK. Using your mouse, LEFT CLICK the open hyperlink and it will take you into the article. Use this for all sites mentioned, especially those from Supreme.)*

<https://youtu.be/0ZLIH-MwO2s>

Jonathan Reyes, Senior Vice President for Communications and Strategic Partnerships for Knights of Columbus, sat down to interview Mark Wahlberg about *Father Stu*, a movie that chronicles the extraordinary life and ministry of Father Stuart Long, a priest of the Diocese of Helena, Montana and a member of Helena Council 844.

<https://youtu.be/Kh1eLXz2mwk>

There was a solid bond between Fr. Stu and his KOC Council. The members of that Council stepped up and helped Fr. Stu in numerous ways. That is what we do as Knights. We must embrace our priests!! They are our shepherds! They lead us spiritually in these dark and uncertain times. The Devil, in all his cunningness, throws his greatest attacks against our beloved shepherds, much more so than against us, the sheep in his flock.

We must not only support our priests with projects and initiatives around the parish, but more importantly, support them with our daily prayers!!

I find myself often being a "Martha" and neglecting being a "Mary". I get caught up in doing KOC works for our parish and priests, but all too often forget about the most important thing I can do for our priests and that is pray!!! How are we to know that prayer is the most important – from Holy Scripture "The Lord said to her in reply, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.'" (Luke 10:41 – 42). Martha was doing works and Mary praying, if you will, listening to Jesus...

As Knights we need to do both – but we should never forget which is the most important. Pray, Pray, Pray for our all our priests, and especially for Fr. Bruno our pastor, Fr. Ishaya our Parochial Victor and the three priests in our Council: Fr. Mark Aune, Fr. David Loeffler and Fr. Greg Schlarb.

Here are a couple of prayers that I recommend you consider.

Keep them, I pray Thee, dearest Lord,  
keep them, for they are Thine  
Thy priests whose lives burn out  
before Thy consecrated shrine.

Keep them, for they are in the world,  
though from the world apart;  
when earthly pleasures tempt, allure  
shelter them in Thy heart.

Keep them, and comfort them  
in hours of loneliness and pain,  
when all their lives of sacrifice  
for souls seems but in van.

Keep them, and O remember, Lord,  
they have no one but Thee,  
yet they have only human hearts,  
with human frailty.

Keep them as spotless as the Host,  
that daily they caress;  
their every thoughts and word and deed,  
Deign, dearest Lord, to bless.

Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for them.

Amen.

(Imprimatur: D. Cardinal Dougherty, Philadelphia.)

**Prayer of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus**

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests;  
for your unfaithful and tepid priests;  
for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields;  
for your tempted priests;  
for your lonely and desolate priests;  
for your young priests;  
for your dying priests;  
for the souls of your priests in purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me:  
the priest who baptized me;  
the priests who absolved me from my sins;  
the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me your Body and Blood in Holy Communion;  
the priests who taught and instructed me;  
all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way (especially ...).

O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart,  
and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity.

Amen.



Vivat Jesus!

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**Ladies High Tea Scheduled for May 7th Back After a 3 Year Hiatus!**



**LADIES HIGH TEA A TOTAL SELLOUT – 113 LADIES MAKE RESERVATIONS**

The annual Ladies High Tea (missing since 2019 due to the pandemic) is back on our schedule.

A new record will be set this year in Ladies High Tea attendance as 113 tickets have been sold for this May 7 stellar event. The previous high was 92 set back in 2019. Ticket Co-Chm. Jack Swartz and Francis Abijaoude quickly got the word out and with some vigorous recruiting sold 13 tables. The following ladies will be hosting the tables: Janell Adams/Ziebarth, Nadine Swartz, Donna Gillis, Jeanne Cosme, Cindy Abijaoude, Mary C Schumacher, Prudence Lee, Angie McGinn, Mac Diefendorf, Magdalin Leonardo, Linda Haas, Terra Billingsley, and Gerri Cook.

PGK Dief Diefendorf recruited a strong corp of tuxedoed waiters, consisting of: Scott Ziebarth, Jack Swartz, Roel Zamora, Eric Moreno, Tom Russell, Francis Abijaoude, Joe Schumacher, Manny Flores, Tom Nash, Jim Cairo, Dief Diefendorf, Don Kolb, John Van Cuyk, Luis Samudio, Mike Aguilar and Kirk LaPlante.

Overall Chairman Scott Ziebarth assembled a fine group of Knights to work the kitchen and set-up and cleanup afterward including: Andre Cerna, Fred Cosme, Fr. Bruno, David Earl, Jim Gentner, Al Gillis, Artie Hauer, Greg Huelskamp, Nelson Mayo, Dan McGinn, Steve Pettit, Ray Rossetti, and Fr. Ishaya. John Blome will serve as photographer.

Please make every effort to support this important Council 15001 program.



This is how great our Knights looked at a past High Tea.



As usual, John VanCuyk is the Center of the ladies' attention!

## STATE RAFFLE GOALS WITHIN REACH – MANY CHARITIES TO BENEFIT



Raffle Chairman Mike Aguilar reports that as of April 28 proceeds from raffle ticket sales total \$7,351 toward the goal of \$12,000. The amount sold was done by 38 members, which means we have at least 60-some members who have not sold any YET! If you haven't yet picked up your initial packet of tickets please contact Mike or



one of our officers soon and do your share to help us meet our goal.

If we reach our goal of \$12,000 in sales, this means we will have \$6,000 for our charities. At our last meeting it was voted to divide the funds as follows: \$1,500 to the Sunshine Soccer League; \$1,000 to the Poor Clare Nuns of Tonopah; \$1,000 to the Women's Clinic; \$1,000 to the Phoenix Diocesan Seminary; \$500 to the Newman Center at Grand Canyon University; \$500 to our Boy Scout Troop #916; and the final \$500 to our St. Paul's Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul.

The absolute deadline is the day before the State K of C Convention, or May 18. Please help us fully fund our chosen charities by helping with this raffle!!

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS SET FOR JUNE 1 CANDIDATES TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE MAY 4 MEETING

PGK Tom Russell, chairman of the Council Nominating Committee, will be revealing the names of candidates for all the offices in Council 15001, to be voted on at the June 1 General Membership Meeting.

In addition to the nominees who will be announced at the meeting this coming week, any 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knight who is a member in good standing of Council 15001 can be nominated for one of the elective offices. Offices to be filled are: Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Treasurer, Advocate, Recorder, Warden, Inside Guard, Outside Guard #1 and Outside Guard #2, as well as (3 yr. Trustee).(2 yr. and 1 yr. Trustees have already been elected for their terms).

Appointed officers are: Financial Secretary (by Supreme), Lecturer, Technical Director, Chaplain and Asst. Chaplain (done by the incoming Grand Knight).

## Gifts for Easter

To help suffering families in Ukraine celebrate Easter, Knights in Poland prepared 10,000 care packages, which were distributed by Knights to families in various cities and towns throughout Ukraine.

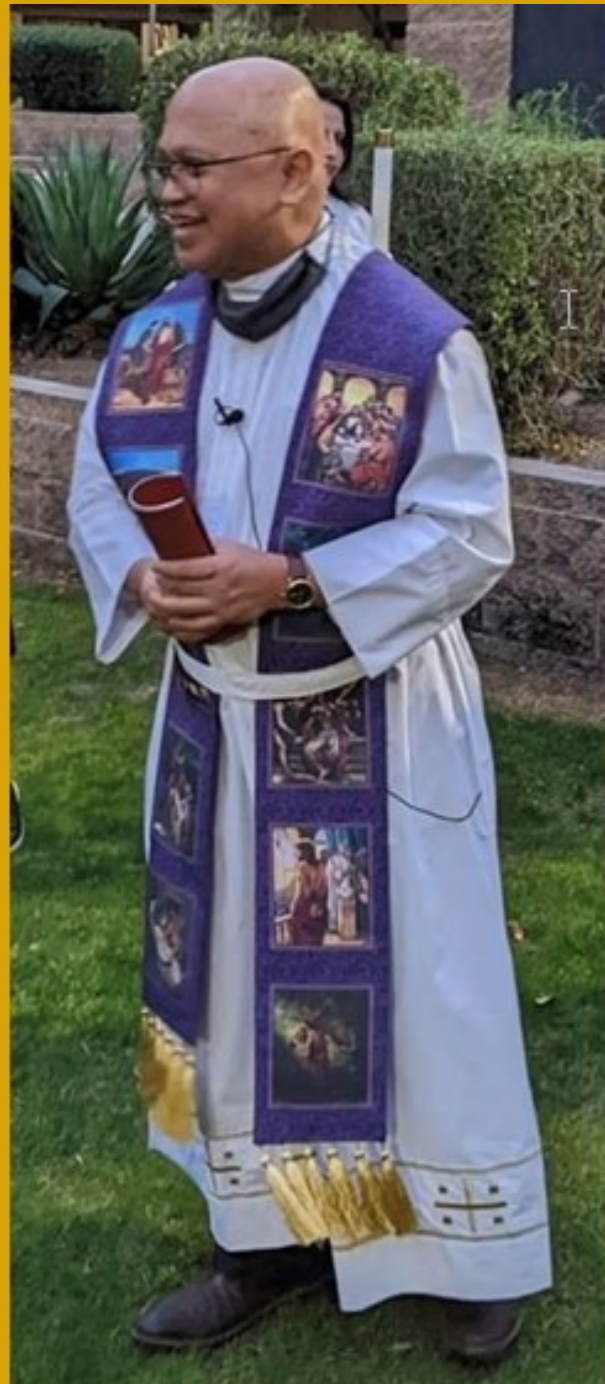


Happy Sacerdotal Anniversary Fr. Bruno!

**31 years of Priesthood**

**4-30-2022**

Please recite one Our Father, Hail Mary and  
Glory Be for Fr. Bruno's Intentions



*St. Paul*  
Roman Catholic Parish  
Phoenix, AZ

For any member of the Council who are not aware of our previous Pastor, Father Greg Schlarb is currently and has been a longtime member of Council 15001.



## Fr. Gregory Schlarb's 25th Anniversary of Priesthood

The Community of Our Lady Perpetual Help cordially invites you to join them in celebration of their pastor's special occasion.

*Fr. Gregory Schlarb Ordained May 17, 1997*

Mass of Thanksgiving on the Occasion of Fr. Greg's  
25th Anniversary to the Priesthood

**Date:**

**Tuesday, May 17, 2022**

**Time:**

**6:00 pm Mass & Reception**

Please RSVP the number attending to Chris Wilgus  
(480) 947-4331 or [cwilgus@olphaz.org](mailto:cwilgus@olphaz.org)  
no later than May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In lieu of gifts, please consider making a donation to the  
Church Exterior Painting Fund.



## **COUNCIL 15001 ASSISTS ST. PAUL'S WOMENS GUILD WITH SHREDDING EVENT**

The St. Paul's Women's Guild held its semiannual (Spring) Shredding Event on Saturday, April 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and as usual had a number of members of Council 15001 assisting with the work. The 8 Knights who showed up included GK Kirk LaPlante, DGK Francis Abijaoude, PGK/FS Jack Swartz, Don Kolb, Nate Duncan, Frank Dzielak, Scott Kasallis, and Fred Cosme. The Women's Guild will be forwarding a check for \$500 made out to the Phoenix Nazareth Seminary as an addition to the annual \$1,000 that our Council donates to the Seminary.



LARGE BOX



10"H x 15"W x 24"D



We thank Mary Hauer  
for the majority of  
these photos  
which were  
posted on Facebook.



## ***Knight of the Month—April 2022***

### ***Congratulations to Brother Jim Soderlund***

Council 15001 Knight of the Month for April was Jim Soderlund. Through his tireless effort to see that the quarterly blood drives have been successful have been most beneficial to the parish, the Knights and to the public who are always in need of blood donations. His work with the Vitalant Group, to ensure the success of each drive, was noted when he was asked questions by their publicity spokesperson.

Here is the information he was asked by Sue Then, Vitalant Publicity Coordinator:



#### ***How has the pandemic affected your organization and blood drives?***

To begin, the "national isolation" occurred days before St. Paul's first blood drive of 2020. Like everything else, our donors had scheduled their times; but, then the bewilderment which we all shared, I sensed then struck donors. Some loyal donors, who may be members of St. Paul's parish but not in Knights of Columbus, spoke up about busses being used (for donor seclusion).

After a month or two passed, the Grand Knight of our Council contacted my Co-Captain and me exploring the same means of a Bloodmobile only to find Vitalant was stuck in the same situation. The Busses were not set up for CDC guidelines.

#### ***Why has it been important to you or your organization to support the community program, especially during the pandemic?***

I've only been associated with St. Paul's parish and its KofC Council for three years. Fellow Knights told me about how the St. Paul's blood drive started with an ill parishioner who required a number of blood transfusions. Initially, the pastor and parishioners explored donating blood for that person. As that person's health improved Vitalant's predecessor saw St. Paul's was a viable source of blood. The Knights of Columbus saw it as a good ongoing project to benefit the community as well as the parish. Blood drives during the pandemic... Janet Pearson pointed out to the Co-Captains Platelette therapy, plasma therapy, whole blood transfusions are / have to be ordered by a physician. Several years ago I learned, "Blood transfusions are the most common, most utilized tissue transplant in Healthcare." On top of that Vitalant brought attention to the use of plasma for the treatment of Covid / Corona Virus for the more vulnerable. On top of that, Isolation, and Social Distancing torpedoed the supply chain of blood and blood products like it did everything else. But the demand didn't go away. That's where the importance of blood drives grew the past two years as compared to prior to March, 2020.

#### ***Is there a particular blood recipient or donor that has been personally motivating to you?***

To name people particularly, Until last fall one parishioner Ralph Fecke donated at every blood drive I was involved with. One blood drive in late 2020 when we were getting back to having blood drives Ralph emailed me to advise me he cancelled an appointment at Vitalant's donation location to take part in our first drive since the shutdown. Ralph Fecke died last autumn. I don't know of any single recipient that benefits from our drives. But, the donors who email me at first word that a blood drive at St. Paul's is coming up - schedule them. Vitalant's donor recruiter for St. Paul's blood drive on March 27th commented time and again that morning on how the downside of the drive was he had to turn away walk-ins. That is where I realized others in the St. Paul's Catholic parish and it's Knights of Columbus Council have a synergy that brings about good results. Then the technicians employed by Vitalant. They put a rhythm and upbeat tempo in the four to five hours it takes to complete a blood drive at St. Paul's.

**How have you made your blood drives successful In spite of the pandemic challenges?**

I don't think I've done anything differently since the shutdown in March 2020 and before the pandemic. The new software and internet platform Vitalant has implemented has it easier to do a group email. The co-captains of the blood drive(s) still approached people and scheduled around all weekend Masses. In addition to that, with myself, and the previous blood drive coordinators at St. Paul's, would put printed announcements in the weekly church bulletin; had pulpit announcements at all weekend Masses for the four weekends before a blood drive. St. Paul's also has an electronic billboard on Coral Gables Ave. An Upcoming blood drive is heralded on it for two to three weeks before. It has always drawn a few walk-ins. People see the phone number and call the parish office. There are the posters and flyers printed by Vitalant. The bulletin announcements include the parish office phone number and the Knights of Columbus Council email address. Telephone calls to the parish office, emails to the K of C email on the flyers and posters generated a few appointments, but until our last blood drive, scheduling at weekend Masses is where the success or failure of a drive was determined.

I joined up with a coordinator three years ago who sought help in bringing a successful drive to reality. The last blood drive at St. Paul's on March 27th was scheduled completely the morning of Sunday March 20th. Yes, due to a family emergency one donor had to cancel her appointment and she emailed me saying she did it on Vitalant's web site. When I got home and got to my computer I couldn't find what time she had been scheduled, Another donor had already filled that slot. On March 27th, I noticed a former blood drive captain was leaving after making his Power Red donation. I told him he sure established a well oiled machine. His response was that well oiled machine was there when he first started coordinating St. Paul's blood drives. (The person starting blood drives at St. Paul was Knight Jon Weaver, who passed 6 or 7 years ago. We don't have more history at this time and would like to find anyone who knows more about how it started and what efforts were made to make it so successful).

**Is there any additional information you would like to add?  
(leaders that stand out or other comments)**

During our March 27th blood drive, Vitalant's donor liaison, Tom (no last name given), commented several times about how we had filled the schedule and completed the set up of the O'Carroll Hall in time for Vitalant's staff to unload, set-up and off. Fr. Bruno, St. Paul's Pastor; Mr. Craig Cullity the Pastoral Associate - in secular terms he's the St. Paul's Chief Operations Officer - and very supportive of the K of C Council and all our undertakings. The Council Officers and members coupled with members of the Women's Association with parish leadership have a synergy of which build an environment of success and attaining goals. In November my newest Co-Captain Tom Van Buren was left to spearhead that blood drive since I was saddled with personal business. After one blood drive where he observed me doing the advance work prior to a blood drive Tom Van Buren started the November blood drive with a 90% schedule goal. At the end of the drive he achieved a perfect product goal. The great unknown is had the Covid Shutdown not occurred, had the parish staff prior to the shutdown been here the past two blood drives produced the same results - is now rhetoric that can never be answered. I know I was amazed at the success of the March 27th blood drive at St. Paul's Catholic Parish. I guess my sights were dialed in just as they should be.



## **April 29th Award Luncheon By Vitalant To Honor Those Who Serve**

From the officers' meeting in late February I assumed the prior established United Blood Services, which now is named the Vitalant Blood drives at St. Paul's, which was a St. Paul's function facilitated by the Knights of Columbus Council.

Before I even got involved I saw the drives on the BloodHero.org & Vitalant upgraded website as St Paul's Catholic Church. Since I first helped Brother Knight Jerry Surdakowski with the March 2019 effort, I just assumed K of C facilitated the Blood Drives and assured the St. Paul's drives had coordinator(s). I have kept that assumption going with the return of the three blood drives a year and placing the K of C logo along with the Vitalant Logo on the bulletin announcements and Vitalant put the K of C logo on the promotional pieces they provide.

Today's awards luncheon was a whole lot more than I ever anticipated. I'm glad when I did the Zoom interview I was wearing my K of C Shirt. When I had to RSVP for the luncheon, I asked Brother Knight Tom Van Buren if he would go with me and he told me he has scheduled himself doing substitute teaching. I then called our Council past coordinator Jerry Surdakowski and asked him if he wanted to go. He did, so we drove to the luncheon mid-morning today (April 29, 2022). Anyhow, the coach of the Coyotes was a speaker; the Deputy Police Chief for Phoenix was a presenter and Bill Kurtis of Channel 12 was Master of Ceremonies. I never thought that awards would be given - but I should not have been surprised either. The following is what and how I wish to convey recognition for "The Award."

Vitalant of Arizona held its 46th Annual **Valentines for Life Luncheon** April 29th, Brother Knights Jim Soderlund and Jerry Surdakowski accepted the **2021 Impact Award for St. Paul's Catholic Church**. St. Paul's was recognized for its contribution to saving lives by giving blood. St. Paul's stepped up and went into high gear in 2021 holding three blood drives after Covid restrictions were relaxed.

Recalling the start of the national shutdown and quarantine in Mid-March 2020, the St Paul's / Vitalant Blood drive for the last Sunday in that March was very close to completely being scheduled when it was cancelled. However, when restrictions were lifted at the end of 2020, Council members Surdakowski, Soderlund and new member Tom Van Buren organized, promoted and scheduled three blood drive providing some 145 blood donations and positively affecting the lives of some 330 hospital patients in Arizona and the Western U.S.

I hope we can pull it off again next year. I would like to buy a table at the next Vitalant luncheon for Fr. Bruno, Craig Cullity you and the next Grand Knight to join Tom, Jerry and Me in getting another award.

Vivat Jesus

Jim Soderlund  
Council 15001  
Co-Coordinator for Vitalant Blood Drives

Throughout human history, in any great endeavour  
requiring the common effort of many men and women  
everywhere, we have learned -

**it is only through seriousness of purpose and  
persistence that we ultimately carry the day.**

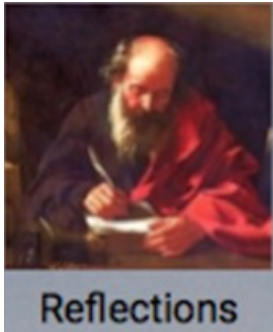
We might liken it to riding a bicycle. You stay upright  
and move forward so long as you keep up the momentum.

## **MARCH 24 DONUT SUNDAY SUCCESSFUL**

Even though our illustrious Donut Chairman Dief Diefendorf PGK was unable to attend due to illness, the “team” headed by Assistant Chairman James Wayne and Manny Flores, were able to put together a successful Donut Sunday on March 24.

The leaders of Wayne and Flores were assisted in the donut shack by DGK Francis Abijaoude, Ted Cherekos, Al Gillis PGK, GK Kirk LaPlante, and Jack Swartz PGK.

Two more Donut Sunday will be held this Spring before taking a break until the Fall, being currently scheduled for May 15th and June 5th.



### **Reflections and Video Worth Watching**

Our Worthy Lecturer Gary DeGregorio's reflections and video we planned to play last night was interrupted due to technical problems.

The presentation by Fr. Toup on the 5th week of Lent is very appropriately about Mercy and forgiveness.

Here is the link: [When You Don't Deserve God's Mercy | Fifth Week of Lent | The Ascension Lenten Companion - YouTube](#)

### **An Easter Blessing for Ukrainian Families**

On Monday, April 11, Pope Francis blessed a very special Easter basket during a private audience granted to Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and his family at the Vatican. The Easter basket is representative of the 10,000 Easter care packages assembled by Knights of Columbus in Poland in recent days, which will be distributed to displaced families in Ukraine during Holy Week to help them celebrate Easter. Each package contains meat, flour, pasta, chocolate and an Easter candle, as well as a letter of greeting from the supreme knight.

The care packages are made possible through the financial support from Knights Orderwide. A gift of \$50 sponsors one of these baskets and supports one family in their Easter celebration.

### **ALSO**



During Holy Week, the Knights of Columbus is distributing Easter care packages for families displaced by the war in Ukraine.

The care packages, which have been assembled by Knights in Poland and which Knights Orderwide are helping to make possible by their donations, are a tangible sign of our hope in Christ's Resurrection.

### **TONOPAH TRIP PLANNED TO VISIT DESERT NUNS ON JUNE 4**

As we have discussed on several occasions the last couple of years, due to Covid restrictions, our Council has been prevented from scheduling our annual trip to visit Our Lady of Solitude Monastery – Poor Clare’s of Perpetual Adoration, fondly referred to as the “Desert Nuns”.

Now that those restrictions are behind us, we are once again planning a trip to Tonopah to visit our favorite Order!!!

PGK/Trustee Al Gillis put together a brief itinerary and some history for the newer Knights and us older Knights (like me) that find reminders like this helpful!!

Additional details will be discussed during our upcoming Council Meeting.

Trip will leave at 6:00 a.m., after a Continental Breakfast, from St Paul's and return at 1PM – **Confirmed Date, Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**.



Roundtrip coach bus trip, Mass at Our Lady of Solitude, talk given by Sr. John Mark, lunch included. Visit to the recently completed monastery with the residence for the nuns.

### **History**

- ◆ Nuns arrived in 2005 with invitation from Bishop Olmsted.
- ◆ Lived at the Diocesan Retreat House in Black Canyon City until 2011 while raising funds for the new compound.
- ◆ The Order was gifted 40 acres by private donor to build Our Lady of Solitude.
- ◆ Mother Marie Andre is the Superior, four professed sisters and one novice currently in residence.
- ◆ Nuns are now cloistered with exception of Sr. John Mark (permanent extern) and the novice.
- ◆ St Paul Knights have been involved with nuns since 2011, helping with the Nun Run, and providing the largest number of volunteers for the event every year.
- ◆ Our Council has been a Corporate sponsor of the Nun Run for many years.
- ◆ The Knights has been a financial supporters of additional projects of the Nuns including college student outreach.
- ◆ Fr. Anthony is the permanently assigned priest at the Monastery.
- ◆ Poor Clare’s of Perpetual Adoration Nuns are the same order as the Nuns on EWTN, with their motherhouse in Irondale, AL.
- ◆ Our Council has been the recipient of multiple Days of Prayer gifted by the Nuns to us in thanksgiving for the work and support the Council has given over the years.

**All members are encouraged to plan to make this trip! Estimated cost is \$25 per head.**

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

I do want to remind the Council that there will be a Fraternal Benefit Event in May that will help qualify for Star Council.

See the attached flyer and please share with the Council. Ed Slott is a great wealth of knowledge regarding retirement income and planning needs as a CPA and national speaker especially in regards to IRAs and other retirement vehicles. I highly recommend this event!



**Ed Slott, America's IRA Expert, presents**  
**Retirement Planning in a Changing Landscape**

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## Birthdays—May 2022

May 20	Donald Sciarrotta		May 15	Margaret "Mac" Diefendorf
May 20	Rijo Joseph		May 21	Janelle Adams
May 21	Alberto Vela			
May 22	Norm Cellini			
May 22	Fred Cosme			
May 26	L. Kirk LaPlante			
May 29	Charles Kirkland			
May 29	Roel Zamora			

**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.

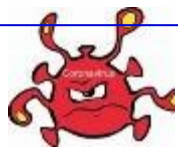
### Monthly Record of Volunteer Service Hours for Council 15001

#### April

Bishop's Good Friday Rosary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Raffle Ticket sales \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donut Sunday \_\_\_\_\_  
 Servers \_\_\_\_\_  
 EM \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lector \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adoration \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### May

Ladies High Tea \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Raffle Ticket Sales \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Convention \_\_\_\_\_  
 Servers \_\_\_\_\_  
 EM \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lector \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adoration \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donut Sunday \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_



# May



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 General Meeting Conference Room 7:00 p.m.	5	6	7 Ladies High Tea 
8 Rosary at Planned Parenthood 	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Donut Sunday 	16 Officers' Meeting 7:00 p.m. Conference Room	17	18	19	20 May 20-21 State Convention, Tucson	21 May 20-21 State Convention, Tucson
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## Upcoming Events For May/June 2022

- May 04 General Membership O'Carroll Hall
- May 07 Ladies High Tea
- May 08 Rosary at Planned Parenthood /Mothers Day
- May 15 Donut Sunday
- May 16 Officers' Meeting
- May 20-21 State Convention, Tucson
- May 23 Officers' Meeting
- June 01 General Membership Meeting/Election of Officers
- June 04 Trip to Tonopah
- June 05 Donut Sunday
- June 12 Rosary at Planned Parenthood
- June 20 Officers' Meeting

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

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

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

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

*Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness.  
Hear the prayers we offer for our sick of distressed Brothers or their relatives:*

Father Bitrus Maigamo, Mike & Chris Murphy, Rick Razzano, Bill Hintze,  
Colin Russell, Cecile Calderon, Ave Marie Leonard, Diane Russell, Rebecca Cairo, Grae Fischer (young daughter of  
Brother Knight Ed Fischer) Lila Van Cuyk, Teresa Waugh, Jonathan Hauer  
and the soul of David Zowin.



*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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