

**May 1, 2024**

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary by the Catholic Church and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and also in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance"

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which did not take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Gese Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.

The practice was granted a partial indulgence by Pius VII in 1815 and a plenary indulgence by Pius IX in 1859. With the revision of indulgences in 1966 and the decreased emphasis on specific indulgences, it no longer carries an indulgence; however, it certainly falls within the category of the First General Grant of Indulgences. (*A partial indulgence* is granted to the faithful who, in the performance of their duties and in bearing the trials of life, raise their mind with true humble confidence to God, adding — even if it is only mentally — some pious invocation.

In 1945, Pope Pius XII established the feast of the Queenship of Mary on May 31st, thus solidifying May as a Marian month.





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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?**

April showers bring May flowers and thus the Ladies Tea with all its splendor and pageantry. Yes, again the Knights will be a shining light in their efforts to provide an atmosphere of religious as well as civil kindness to those ladies who have worked so hard for the Knights and parish.

May is also the Month of Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mother who so loved God that she was willing to bear the child who would be the savior of the world. It is truly a magical month for many reasons. Along with Spring in full bloom and all Knights working hard to prepare for future events such as Teas, Bingo and the annual convention, we need to remember where we came from and where we are going.

Our start, of course, was from the life of Jesus Christ. He grew through the care and love of his parents, Joseph and Mary. Through that upbringing, He was able to become the kind and considerate human man that He turned into. After His death, the Church, the community of believers, grew throughout the centuries until we one day we had a priest who saw the need to request men of his parish to become more Christ like and help others in need—especially the widows of his parish. We know him today as Blessed Michael J. McGivney.

Just like those first Knights, we also are close to ending our Fraternal Year, where we continue to spring forth and provide the love and care of our fellow Knights and their family. For example, with the upcoming High Tea, we invite all the widows of our Knights to be a part of the group at no cost to them. We already assisted women of the parish with the Women’s Guild shredding event. It is through these works that we as Knights show the parish, as well as the community that we are truly there for others and not just for ourselves.

Again, the annual Kite Day for Sunshine Soccer League was truly a delightful time for the parents, the youth and anyone who showed up to participate in flying a kite. Yes, May is a key time in our year when so many good things seem to happen at the end of our Fraternal Year. Again, It is time to thank our Blessed Mother for bearing, raising and loving the child who would later become the key to most of our lives. May is a glorious month. Hopefully we are all saying a rosary daily and praying to our Blessed Mother Mary.

**For Fraternal Year 2023-2024**

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



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## Grand Knight's Column



Grand Knight  
Daniel McGinn

Dear Brother Knights,

As spring continues to bloom, so does the spirit of service and fellowship within our Council!

### April Recap:

**Welcome New Brothers:** I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new brothers, Zeus Cabelin, John Kim, and Tilak Morais. They exemplified the virtues of Charity, Unity and Fraternity (CUF) during their Exemplification ceremony. We are excited to have you join our ranks! This is the first time we have held a Charity, Unity, and Fraternity (CUF) installation, and it was made possible by Phil Tabbita, Ted Cherekos, and Tom Nash. Thank you!

**Day of Prayer:** The Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration nuns held a day of prayer for our Council and families on April 3rd. They expressed their gratitude for our generosity and efforts with the 15th Annual Nun Run.

**Family of the Month:** Families are the domestic church, the first educators, the source of growth in charity, love, and faith, and the source of vocations. This month, we recognize the Pontila family. Thank you, Phil Tabbita and Ted Cherekos, for supporting this program.

**Donut Sunday:** A delicious shout-out to Dief and his crew for keeping our spirits high with another successful Donut Sunday!

**Bingo Night Success:** Thanks to Kirk LaPlante and his crew for another fun-filled Bingo night! You and your helpers continue to provide entertaining evenings while raising funds for our charitable endeavors.

**Sunshine Soccer League Kite Day:** A big thank you to Andy Picard for organizing a fantastic Kite Day for our friends at the Sunshine Soccer League! The smiles on their faces were truly heartwarming.

**May Focus: All Hands-on Deck!**

### We have two notable events in May that require everyone's participation:

**State Raffle Push:** It is the final push for the state raffle! Let us make a concerted effort to sell those tickets and contribute significantly to charities. This is our primary fundraiser of the year. If we all participate, we will reach our goal of \$12,000!

**Ladies High Tea:** Mark your calendars for the upcoming Ladies High Tea on May 11th! This cherished tradition for our mothers, grandmothers, daughters, and sisters requires all hands-on deck. Please volunteer your help.

### Other Events and Activities:

We have our regular monthly events upcoming in May, including Donut Sunday, Family of the Month, and Rosary at Planned Parenthood. Additionally, the annual State Convention is May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Tucson. Ed Fischer, Michael Aguilar, and I will be attending to learn more about the Knights and our faith, submit our raffle tickets and proceeds, and participate in other convention activities. We have also completed applications for recognition of Council 15001 for our Life, Family, Community, and Vocation Programs.

Thank you all for your continued support of our community, parish, and families. You are making a difference in the world.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan McGinn Grand Knight  
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FAITH



COMMUNITY



FAMILY



LIFE

## **Rest In Peace Worthy Knight**

On April 17th, we once again lost another Worthy Brother Knight—Shawn Swartz, son of PGK Jack Swartz (deceased 2023) and Nadine.



**Shawn Stephen Swartz**

**June 10, 1960 - April 17, 2024**

After 63 Beautiful years on this earth, Shawn Swartz was called home to the Lord on April 17", 2024. Shawn was born June 10", 1960 in Dodge City, KS. His family lived briefly in Hutchinson, KS, then settled in Topeka, KS where Shawn graduated from Hayden High School and then went to Washburn University, with a degree in Business Administration.

In his 20's, Shawn moved to Arizona to pursue a degree in racetrack management, but after just one semester, he was offered a job at Turf Paradise Racecourse- and the rest is history. Shawn had grown up around racetracks in Nebraska and Colorado as his paternal grandfather, J.R. Swartz, was an owner, breeder and trainer of thoroughbred racehorses. Shawn was thrilled to be working in a field he loved and enjoyed, and he held many positions at the track, including Racing Secretary (Director of Racing) for many years. In the off-season, Shawn worked several at tracks located in Montana, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico and Washington, and traveled throughout the U.S. recruiting horses to run in Phoenix. Along the way, he made lifelong friends across the country. Shawn worked in the business he loved until the day before he passed.

Shawn spent many of his days-off on the golf course and quite a number of his free evenings singing karaoke with friends and family. One of his most requested songs was Johnny Cash's "I've Been Everywhere, Man", which he sang with true conviction, and without missing a beat or a word. Shawn also loved so many sports, playing baseball, football, basketball and golf as a child, and cheering on his beloved KC Chiefs, KU Jayhawks Phoenix Suns and AZ D-Backs as an adult, every chance he got. One highlight of Shawn's life was attending the 2022 Super Bowl, thanks to the generosity of a dear friend. One fact about Shawn that a lot of people didn't know was that he was diagnosed, at age 4. with cystic fibrosis, an incurable disease affecting the lungs and digestive system. A doctor told his parents that he "may not live beyond his teenage years". But as new treatments were developed, and with the miraculous gift of two lung transplants, Shawn continued to survive and thrive, though not without numerous other health challenges along the way. Shawn came to really own his illness, doing everything his doctors recommended, but was never owned by it. He rarely, if ever, complained and was grateful for every day on this earth.

Shawn's faith truly helped him in this regard -he was a devout Catholic, a parishioner at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Moon Valley and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Shawn was probably best known for his friendliness, generosity and kindness to everyone he met, and for his ability to make people laugh, which his Mom describes as "his mission in life"

Shawn is survived by his loving wife, Abigail (Longest) Swartz, his dear mother, Nadine Swartz, his sister Dana Swartz Carney (Martin), brother Tim Swartz (Kim), and brother Jay Swartz (Bridget). His fun-loving nature will be greatly missed by the two young women who called him Papa - Kaylee Longest and Emily Baker - and the five young women who called him Uncle Shawn- Molly and Lucy Carney, Leilani Swartz, and Jaquelyn and Kasey Swartz - along with his aunt, Nanci Brandon, his faithful dog, Gunner, and scores of cousins and friends who love him dearly and will keep his memory alive. A rosary and funeral Mass was held on Saturday, 4/27, starting at 9 a.m. at St. Paul's Church, 330 W. Coral Gables Drive, Phoenix, followed by a reception and Celebration of Life at Turf Paradise racetrack. Shawn was pre-deceased by his Dad and best bud, Jack Swartz, in January of 2023. We are comforted knowing that they are together once again! You ran the good long race, Shawn and defied the odds, and you did so with humor, courage and grace. You were, and always will be, so loved by all who were blessed by your life!

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to [Cystic Fibrosis Foundation](#).

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him.  
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

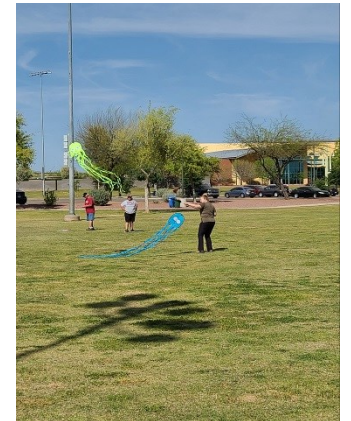
## **Flying Kites with the Sunshine Soccer League—Kite Flying 15001 Style**

Capping off a very busy weekend of Council events, several members of our Council traveled to North Phoenix to fly kites with the Sunshine Soccer League. Even though there was a weather report saying we may have our first 100 degree day in 2024, everyone had a great time. Everyone attending met at the baseball field at Paseo Highland Park (southwest corner of Pinnacle Peak and 35th Avenue) at 2:45 PM. Kids and families started arriving at 3:00 PM.

Andy Picard was appointed as Captain of the Annual Kite Flying, which Council 15001 provides for the Sunshine Soccer League, as well as for the enjoyment of member of the families of Council 15001.

Andy sent a thank you to Worthy PGK Richrd “Dief” Diefendorf saying “Thank you for getting everything settled with Jill at the Sunshine Soccer League. You appointed me Captain, but Dan McGinn and Kirk LaPlante did most of the real work. There were 8 of us there representing 15001 and we all loved the experience. Who knew Kirk could get the highest kite award, although I think Artie blew out a hamstring trying to catch it when one of the little guys sat it down cause he was done. Turns out WGK has some soccer skills, maybe he missed his calling.”

This was an afternoon of laughter and soaring kites with our friends from the Sunshine Soccer League! This is a non-profit organization, founded in 2001, providing a place for children with special needs to play soccer and socialize. We look forward to sharing the joy of flying kites and creating lasting memories with these amazing kids.



## **Corporate Mass 2024**

Our annual Corporate Mass was held on April 28, 2024. The Mass was attended by 25 Council members and their families. The celebrant of our Corporate Mass was our Assistant Chaplain Father Ishaya Samalia. Knight’s members and Knights Family members participated in our Corporate Mass in our Mass ministries. Ushering duties were led by Our Grand Knight Dan McGinn, Fred Cosme, PGK Al Gillis, PGK Phil Tabbita and Ruperto Salinas. Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion included Donna Gillis and Georgette Wayne. Our Altar Servers were Jeanie Cosme and PGK Francis Abijaoude’s granddaughter Carolina.

After the Mass there were refreshments in the Hall. The refreshments included coffee, donuts, bagels and a colorful fruit bowl provided by Tom and Karen Roggenkamp and Richard and Margaret “Mac” Diefendorf.



## **PGK Al Gillis is Presented An Exemplification Certificate After CUF Degree**



With the support of our Worthy District Deputy, Rich Ryan, Council 15001 held its first ever Charity, Unity and Fraternity (CUF) degree ceremony. Our ceremony was held on April 21, 2024 in our parish's conference center. Our degree team was made up of Brother Knights Ted Cherekos (Presiding Officer/Presenter on Unity), Phil Tabbita, PGK, PDD (Presenter on Unity) and Tom Nash, PGK (Presenter on Fraternity). Other members included Artie Hauer (Warden) and our Grand Knight Dan McGinn (Investing Officer)' Our team inducted three new members to our Council: Johnny Kim, Tilak Morais, Zeus Cabelin. Johnny Kim is the son of fellow member Peter Nguyen. Tilak Morais is a co-worker of our Grand Knight Dan McGinn, who was also Tilak's sponsor. Zeus Cabelin was sponsored by Phil Tabbita and His family was our February 2024 Family of the Month. The ceremony was well attended by our Council officers and members as well as family and friends of our new members.

The ceremony concluded with the naming of our class Honoree, our very own PGK Allen Gillis.

**Two crucial events need your support this May: The State Raffle and the Ladies High Tea!** Your participation is essential to their success.

### **State Raffle Push:**

The state raffle is our primary fundraiser and reaching our \$12,000 goal directly impacts local charities and initiatives. Frankly, we are behind so **with a concentrated effort, we can make up the difference!**

Here's how you can help:

**Sell Tickets:** Reach out to your network of friends, family, and colleagues. Every ticket sold brings us closer.

**Please continue selling tickets, especially after masses these next two weekends.** These are critical selling periods.

### **Ladies High Tea (May 11th):**

The Ladies High Tea is a cherished tradition honoring the women in our lives. **To ensure a smooth event, we need all hands-on deck! (We had 21 Knights and 4 scouts helping last year. No scouts this year. Need members to take up the slack).**

**We encourage volunteering for multiple crews, especially the kitchen crew.** Help is needed Friday evening, May 10th, and the day of the event, May 11th.

**A signup sheet will be circulated at this month's general meeting. Please come prepared to sign up if you haven't already.** We have some brothers unable to help this year, so signing up for multiple crews is greatly appreciated.

For questions or to volunteer, please contact:

Ed Fischer (Event Captain): [efischer6@gmail.com](mailto:efischer6@gmail.com), 602-577-6531

Dan McGinn (Grand Knight): [admcginn@yahoo.com](mailto:admcginn@yahoo.com), 602-469-7871

Together, we can make these events a success! Thank you for your dedication to our Council.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan McGinn, Grand Knight, Council 15001

D Kirk LaPlante, Fin/Sec Council 15001

**St Paul's Council Knights of Columbus Council #15001**  
**Family of The Year 2024 — The Abijaoude Family**



Annually, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council will make a “Family of the Year” selection received from all of the Knights of Columbus State Councils. If selected as the “Family of the Year” by the Supreme Council, they will be invited to attend the annual Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention where a special presentation will be made.

Our Council has selected the Abijaoude Family as our Council’s 2024 Family of the Year. The family was selected as our St Paul’s Knights of Columbus Council November 2023 Family of the Month. Shortly after naming them our November family of the Month, we learned the Arizona State Council named the Abijaoudes as their Arizona State Council November 2023 Family of the month.

Francis and Cindy Abijaoude and their family have been members of St. Paul’s parish for forty-three years. During that time, they raised their three daughters, Clarissa, Melanie and Joanna. Their daughters received their Sacraments and religious education at St. Paul’s. Melanie was married at St. Paul’s by the late Fr. Bob Binta. Melanie and Joanna are practicing Catholics living in California and Chicago respectively and they are raising their children in the Catholic faith. Now

the next generation of grandchildren are being shepherded again into the church surrounded by strong traditions. Clarissa and her daughters regularly attend the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass. Their granddaughter, Carolina, is an Altar Server and her sister Emma is currently preparing for her First Reconciliation.

The Abijaoudes have made contributions to the parish and our church community, not only through Council activities, but by stepping forward at the request of parish staff and pastor to assist in projects. Francis is a Past Grand Knight of our Council. For several years the Abijaoudes helped with the Desert Nun Run, decorations for the parish festival that is open to the public. Francis supported the Annual Seminarian Dinner and Diocesan Priest Appreciation Dinner. The family also supported a fund-raising effort for a well in Nigeria, as well as support for the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the South Sudan. They also were also part of "Kite Day" an annual Council outing with the Sunshine Soccer League. The family were regular participants in the annual "Tootsie Roll" drive—commonly known as the People with Intellectual Disabilities. Even though the Tootsie Roll program ended, with Francis' involvement with our Council's gifting committee, our Council continues to fund raise for people with disabilities. Cindy helps with decorations for various Knight events including the Ladies High Tea and parish festival. She helps with the Desert Nun Run which the Council sponsors to support Our Lady of Solitude Monastery and the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration.

Francis participates in virtually every Knight event and Council meeting including planning sessions, audits and annual PGK meeting. As Grand Knight while continuing the many regular programs, he initiated the Family of the Month program. Their deep connections with parishioners and community partners in various projects, exhibit Unity and Fraternity.



**FAMILY**

## Family of the Month—April 2024

### The Pontila Family



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Paolo and Jennifer Pontila met as classmates in the Philippines and came to the United States at different times. When they were together in the United States, they connected at St. Paul's in 2014. During February 18, 2023, they had their marriage convalidated at St. Paul.

The Pontila's are a very active St. Paul's parish family. Paolo is an OCIA volunteer and catechist assistant who works with students preparing for Eucharist and Confirmation. Their children, Jillian 11 and Amara 7, are currently enrolled in the family formation program preparing for their sacraments. Paolo was a candle bearer when our families participated in the Friday Stations of the Cross during the Lenten season. The family participated in the Live Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Jennifer uses her talents to make signs and costumes for Sr. Rose's programs.

## Family Fully Alive—May 2024

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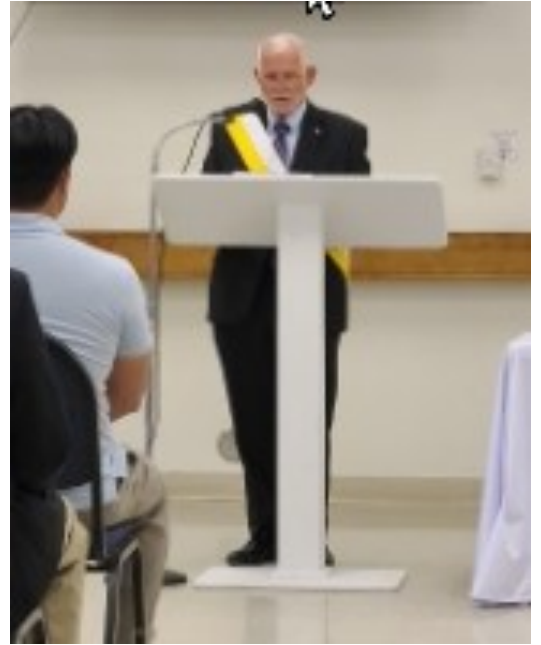
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**Meditation:** From Pope Benedict XVI's Spe Salvi: Whoever is moved by love begins to perceive what "life" really is. He begins to perceive the meaning of the word of hope that we encountered in the Baptismal Rite: from faith I await "eternal life" — the true life which, whole and unthreatened, in all its fullness, is simply life. Jesus, who said that he had come so that we might have life and have it in its fullness, in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10), has also explained to us what "life" means: "this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent" ( Jn 17:3). Life in its true sense is not something we have exclusively in or from ourselves: it is a relationship. And life in its totality is a relationship with him who is the source of life. If we are in relation with him who does not die, who is Life itself and Love itself, then we are in life. Then we "live."

**Family Project:** Ask each person to choose something "impossible" to pray for this month, and choose one person in your family to pray for every day during the month. Also, to celebrate the life-giving spirit of your family, discuss times in your family's life when you grew together in faith or love. Discuss moments of your relationship, courtship, engagement and wedding celebrations that helped you grow as a couple. Share stories of your children's births, and discuss the gift that each of their lives has been to your family. Gather photos or various mementos of these events for a scrapbook or memory box that your family can cherish, or consider compiling them into a slideshow that can be shared with relatives

## CUF Degree Ceremony

On Sunday, April 21st, following the 9:30 AM Mass many of us were able to witness our own Council doing a Charity Unity and Fraternity (CUF) Degree ceremony in the Conference Room. We welcomed in 3 new Brother Knights. After the ceremony, members and family enjoyed a social gathering in a relaxed setting – a great opportunity to meet our newest Knights!



John Kim



Zeus Cabelin



Tilak Morais

## Shredding Event April 20th

On Saturday, April 20, 2024 the Women's Guild hosted a community wide shredding event to help others find a place to have their records and paperwork shredded. This is accomplished by using trucks which house huge cutting machines to ensure that all material that goes into the hoppers can not possibly be reconstructed. It is one of the most secure ways to destroy paper records without having to burn them and makes for the most ecological method of destruction.



## BINGO A Huge Success

The Spring Bingo on Saturday evening April 20, 2024 was an outstanding success and had over 89 people show up to collect their set of cards.

Surprisingly, the food nearly ran out and was a welcome sight. Once again, PGK Al Gillis knew just the right amount of food to procure. The hot dog chefs, Greg Huelskamp and Jim Gentry did a fabulous job and the dogs were yummy. With the ice cold soft drinks and water available, everyone had something to eat or drink. Of course, the candy and ice cream really topped off the evening.

Everyone had such a great time. PGK Kirk LaPlante, Captain of the Bingo event thanks everyone who came forward to make this such huge success. Once again, it shows that Unity really works with the Knights of Columbus in Council 15001.





## 4th Degree News and Notes



Each month, we would like to include news and notes about the 4th Degree of our Order. Several of our 15001 Council members also belong to the 4th Degree and are members of the “Bishop William Z. Gomes Assembly #1805”.



Each “Degree” of the Knights of Columbus is associated with a particular virtue with the three items being—Charity, Unity and Fraternity and the Fourth Degree being “Patriotism” or as it has commonly become known as “The Patriotic Degree”.

The members meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church at 11020 N 40th Street at 7:00 p.m. The church is located on 40th St., between Shea Blvd. and Cactus Rd.

### JOIN THE FOURTH DEGREE

If you are over 18 years of age; a citizen of the country in which you reside; a practical Catholic in union with the Holy See; and you are a Third Degree member in good standing, it’s time to consider joining the ranks of the Fourth Degree.

To learn more about the Patriotic Degree and how to join its ranks, contact your local Council, the Vice Supreme Master in your area or the Supreme Council today.

For Council 15001, you may contact Sir Knight (SK) Gary Schulte or Ted Cherekos.



### SILVER ROSE—A HIGHER PURPOSE

Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus Councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

#### ROUTE 1 2024 SCHEDULE

March 24 - April 27, Alaska  
April 28 – June 1, Washington  
June 2 – July 6, Idaho  
July 7 – August 3, Oregon  
August 4 – August 31, Nevada  
September 1 – September 28, California  
September 29 – October 26, Arizona  
October 27 – November 23, New Mexico  
November 24 – December 12, Mexico

#### ROUTE 7 2024 SCHEDULE

March 24 – May 18, California  
May 19 – June 15, Arizona  
June 16 – July 13, New Mexico  
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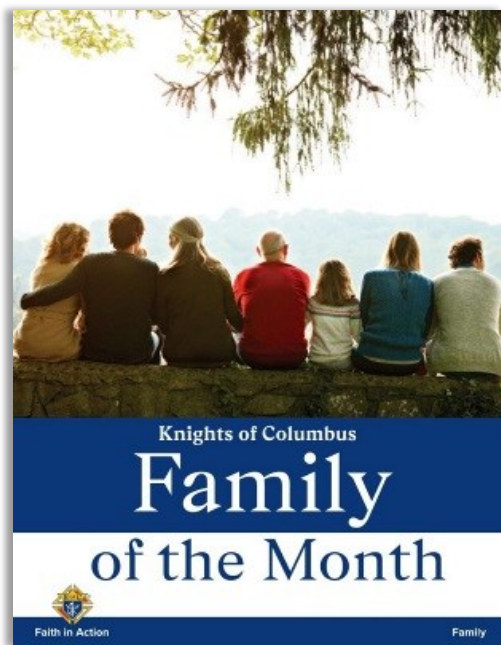
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## **KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS—YOUR SHIELD FOR INSURANCE FOR LIFE**

### **What is a "fraternal benefit society"?**

A fraternal benefit society is a membership-based nonprofit organization that offers its members numerous fraternal benefits, including insurance products.

Knights of Columbus members and their families have exclusive access to our top-quality life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and annuity products. In addition to our strong, secure products, there are Family Fraternal Benefits that can help our members facing unique needs. Click [here](#) to learn about our membership benefits.

### **Can anyone purchase life insurance from the Knights of Columbus?**

The Knights of Columbus Insurance program is available to members of the Order and their families. Practical Catholic males, age 18 or older, are eligible to join.

### **How much life insurance do I need?**

Your life insurance needs depend on your current and future financial obligations. Your field agent who is also a Brother Knight is available to meet with you at your convenience and analyze the needs of you and your family.

### **Is the Knights of Columbus financially strong?**

With over \$100 Billion of life insurance in force, \$24 Billion of assets under management, and 42 consecutive years of superior ratings for financial strength from A.M. Best\*, you can be confident in the guarantees that you receive from the Knights of Columbus.

\*Currently rated A+ (Superior) by A.M. Best

### **What is whole life insurance?**

Whole life is a permanent life insurance product that provides money to your family when you die, and builds cash value while you live. Permanent life insurance is guaranteed and a great way to provide security for your family. Click [here](#) to learn more about permanent life insurance.

### **What is term life insurance?**

Term insurance provides affordable protection to your loved ones for temporary needs and is designed to expire as your financial obligations expire. Our term insurance rates are guaranteed for the life of your policy, as is the amount of money that would be paid to your family should you pass away. Click [here](#) to learn more about term life insurance.

### **What is underwriting?**

Underwriting is the process through which insurers evaluate the risk of insuring a person and use that information to determine eligibility and set premium pricing for insurance policies.

### **What are policy riders?**

A policy rider is an additional benefit under an existing insurance policy that provides additional coverage.



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**Birthdays—May 2024**

May 07	James Henry		May 15	Margaret "Mac" Diefendorf
May 11	Luis Torres		May 21	Janell Adams-Ziebarth
May 20	Donald Sciarrotta		May 30	Sallee Huelskamp
May 21	Alberto Vela			
May 22	Norm Cellini			
May 22	Fred Cosme			
May 26	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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bingo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kite Day \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**May**

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

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



# May 2024

Covid  Flu  
RSV

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 General Meeting Conference Room 7:00 p.m. 	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Ladies High Tea 
12 Rosary at Planned Parenthood 	13	14	15	16 Assembly 1805 Meets at St. Joseph's 7:00 p.m. 	17 Arizona State Convention	18 Arizona State Convention
19	20 Officers' Meeting 7:00 p.m. Conference Room 	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

## Upcoming Events For May/June 2024

### May 2024

- May 01 General Meeting 7 PM Conference Room
- May 05 Donut Sunday/Family of the Month
- May 11 Ladies High Tea
- May 12 Rosary at Planned Parenthood
- May 17-18 KOC State Convention
- May 20 Officers' Meeting

### June 2024

- June 02 Donut Sunday/Family of the Month
- June 05 General Meeting 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room
- June 09 Rosary at Planned Parenthood
- June 17 Officer's Meeting 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room

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



This applies to the Flu,  
RSV Virus and Covid!

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

### Prayer to End Abortion



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

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

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

### For Those Who Are Sick & Distressed

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

Brothers Bill O'Connell, Don Kolb, Manuel Flores, David Earl, Luiz Torrez, James Wayne, Bob Waugh, George Mendell, Fr. Bruno, Terra Billingsley (wife of Charley), Jonathan Hauer (son of Artie Hauer), Greg Ruiz (brother of Michael Aguilar), Mary Weege (widow of Ernie), Dan Weege (son of Ernie) and Jack Brooks (grandson of Kirk), Ted Cherekos, Rebecca Cairo (wife of Jim Cairo), J.D. Sheppard, Steve Higby, John Ingraham, Joe Black (cousin of Artie Hauer), Dorei Kosse, Victoria Berg (granddaughter of SK Gary Schulte, PGK), Nadine Swartz, Sr. Georgina, Steve Pettit Ray Rosetti, Jim Soderlund and Salina Villanueva.

Repose of the soul of Brothers—Michael Robinson, Michael Murphy, Tom Goss, Chuck Kime, Ken Long, Jack Swartz, Shawn Swartz, Bill Hintze and Lila VanCuyk (wife of John), Diane Russell (wife of Tom), mother of Cathy Blome, Pat Long (wife of Ken Long), brother of Fr. Bruno as well as all the Widows of our Deceased Knights



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

### Catholic Prayer for those who have passed

*“Loving God our Father, Your power brings us to life.  
Your care guides our lives,  
and by Your command we return to the dust from which we came.*

*Father, those who pass on still live in Your presence,  
their lives are changed but do not end.  
I plead in hope for my family, relatives and friends,  
and for all the dead known only to You.*

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