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October 2025

Our Lady of the Rosary

The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, formerly known as Feast of Our Lady of Victory and Feast of the Holy Rosary is now celebrated on October 7th in the General Roman Calendar.

According to Dominican tradition, in 1206, Dominic de Guzmán was at the Monastery of Our Lady of Prouille, in France, and was attempting to convert the Albigensians back to



the Catholic faith. The young priest had very little success until one day he received a vision of the Blessed Virgin, who gave him the Rosary as a tool against heretics.

The story of Dominic's vision was recorded by Alanus de Rupe, a 15th-century Dominican friar who is credited with promoting the Rosary among the faithful in Europe. This traditional origin for the Rosary was generally accepted, including by many popes, until the 17th century, when the Bollandists concluded the account originated with the account recorded by Alanus, two hundred years after Dominic's death. However, several popes after the 17th century, like Pope Leo XIII and Pope Pius XI, continued to attribute its origin to Dominic in official documents such as encyclicals.

Our Lady of Victory

Mary had been honored in the West under the title "Our Lady of Victory" from at least the thirteenth century. Simon de Montfort, who was the 5th Earl of Leicester built the first shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Victory in thanks for the Catholic victory over the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret on September 12, 1213. In thanksgiving for victory at the Battle of Bouvines in July 1214, Philip Augustus of France founded the Abbey of Notre Dame de la Victoire, between Senlis and Mont l'Évêque.

Background

In 1571, Pope Pius V organized a coalition of forces of Spain and smaller Christian kingdoms, republics and military orders, to rescue some Christian outposts in Cyprus, particularly the Venetian outpost at Famagusta which, however, surrendered after a long siege on August 1st before all of the Christian forces set sail. On October 7, 1571, the Holy League, a coalition of southern European Catholic maritime states, sailed from Messina, Sicily, and

met a powerful Ottoman fleet in the **Battle of Lepanto**. Knowing that the Christian forces were at a distinct material disadvantage, Pope Pius V called for all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory, and led a rosary procession in Rome. Pius V instituted the feast of Our Lady of Victory in order to help commemorate the victory at Lepanto, which he attributed to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

After about five hours of fighting on the northern edge of the Gulf of Corinth, off western Greece, the combined navies of the Papal States, Venice and Spain managed to stop the Ottoman navy, slowing the Ottoman advance to the west and denying them access to the Atlantic Ocean and the Americas. If the Ottomans had won, there was a real possibility that an invasion of Italy could have followed so that the Ottoman sultan, already claiming emperor of the Romans, would have been in possession of both New and Old Rome.

Combined with the Great Siege of Malta (1565) and the unfolding events in Morocco where the Sa'adids successfully spurned the Ottoman advances, it confined Turkish naval power to the eastern Mediterranean. Although the Ottoman Empire was able to build more ships, it never fully recovered from the loss of trained sailors and marines, and never again the Mediterranean naval power it had become the century before when Constantinople fell.

In 1572, Pope Pius V formalized the number and content of the Mysteries of the Rosary and actively promoted its recitation. In 1573, Pope Gregory XIII changed the name of the feast into **Feast of the Most Holy Rosary of the Bl. Virgin Mary**, to be celebrated on the first Sunday of October. Then the Dominican friar, Juan Lopez, in his 1584 book on the Rosary, states that the feast of the Rosary was offered "in memory and in perpetual gratitude of the miraculous victory that the Lord gave to his Christian people that day against the Turkish armada".

In 1671, the observance of this festival was extended by Clement X to the whole of Spain, and somewhat later Clement XI, after the victory over the Turks, gained by Prince Eugene in the Battle of Petrovaradin on August 5, 1716 (the feast of Our Lady of the Snows), commanded the feast of the Rosary to be celebrated by the universal church.

Leo XIII raised the feast to the rank of a double of the second class and he added to the Litany of Loreto the invocation "Queen of the Most Holy Rosary". On this feast, in every church in which the Rosary confraternity has been duly erected, a plenary indulgence is granted upon certain conditions to all who visit therein the Rosary chapel or statue of Our Lady. This has been called the "Portiuncula" of the Rosary. During his pontificate, Leo XIII issued eleven encyclicals about Our Lady of the Rosary and its feast.

Pius X, in 1913, changed the date to October 7th, as part of his effort to restore celebration of the liturgy of the Sundays. In 1960, under Pope John XXIII, it is listed under the title Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary; and under the 1969 liturgical reforms of Pope Paul VI, Our Lady of the Rosary is mentioned as a mandatory memorial.



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Council 15001

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October, the time of year when true cooling off begins. Hopefully, it is just our bodies that are cooling off and not our enthusiasm and faithfulness. As we start the month, we think about the Blessed Virgin Mary and then suddenly we are immersed into the thoughts of “Dios de los muertos/Day of the Dead”. Yes, Halloween is so quickly upon us and soon Thanksgiving and Christmas.

For our newer members, you may not realize how quickly so many of these events seem to happen—so fast. If you looked at our new Fraternal Year calendar, then you will see a memorial event is planned at the cemetery on November 1st. Then comes a welcoming night for new members and Bingo immediately follows on the 20th. Before you can say Bingo, it is Thanksgiving and then the Annual Christmas Dinner (pizza or whatever is planned).

Suddenly, with our bellies full from Thanksgiving and a Christmas party, it is time to do the annual church decorations. With all this rushing around, have you taken out some time to thank God for giving us all a chance to be a part of these events? Are you thinking about if and whom you will invite to join you at the memorial at the cemetery or join you for Thanksgiving or Christmas party?

That is one of the reasons God gave us 4 seasons (well, in Arizona we have hot and less hot) - Flagstaff and other places may enjoy the normal seasons. But that does not give us an excuse to not enjoy all those opportunities God has given us. Let’s remember that “Unity” and “Fraternity” work hand-in-hand. We need to remind ourselves that we are a Brotherhood of Knights working together to make our Council, parish, community and family a loving and also a caring place to remain a part of belonging.

Again, with Mary being our focus this month, don’t forget to not only pray your rosary daily but also come out to Planned Parenthood on the 2nd Wednesday and pray for those babies whose live may be lost.

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 2025-2026

The State Theme is:

With Rejoicing Hearts



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Ed Fischer, GK

[Grand Knight Report](#)

Brother Knights,

As we enter October, the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, I want to thank each of you for the ways you serve our parish and our community with faith, fellowship and joy. This is a month rich in opportunities to gather, pray, and grow as brothers in Christ.

[Calendar of Events \(Page 14\)](#)

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend:

- **Family of the Month & Donut Sunday – October 5** after morning Masses
- **General Meeting – October 8** (note this is a week later than usual!)
- **Rosary at Planned Parenthood – October 8**
- **Arizona Rosary Celebration Dinner – October 18**
- **Arizona Rosary Celebration – October 19**
- **Memorial Mass – November 1** at Holy Redeemer Cemetery (more details to follow by flocknote or email)

Our meetings and events only succeed when we come together in unity. I encourage you to commit to attending at least one event this month—it strengthens not just our Council, but your own faith journey.

[A Message from the Holy Father](#)

At this year’s Arizona Rosary Celebration, we were blessed to receive a message from the Apostolic Nunciature, sent on behalf of **Pope Leo XIV**. In his letter, Cardinal Christophe Pierre wrote:

“I wish to convey to you, as the Pope's personal representative to the United States, the assurance of His Holiness's spiritual closeness and paternal affection for all who gather for this celebration.”

This message reminds us that when we gather to pray the Rosary together, we are united not only as Knights and parishioners, but with Catholics around the world, and with the Holy Father himself.

[Faith Reflections at Our Meetings](#)

Beginning this month, each general meeting will include a brief reflection centered on one of the **12 fruits of the Holy Spirit**. These three-minute reflections will be offered by volunteer Knights, sharing how a particular fruit—such as charity, patience, or generosity—has been present in their personal faith journey.

To make these testimonies meaningful, I encourage each presenter to:

- Share a personal story of how they’ve experienced or struggled with that fruit of the Spirit.
- Consider ending with a simple suggestion for the Council—such as a prayer, a moment of silence or a challenge to practice that fruit in the coming week.

These reflections don’t need to be polished speeches; rather, they are opportunities to speak from the heart, building fraternity and faith among us. Please let our Lecturer, Gary DeGregorio, know if you are willing to take one of these reflection slots.

[Closing Thoughts](#)

St. Paul wrote that “the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control” (Galatians 5:22-23). As we carry these fruits into our parish and our community this month, let us remember that our witness as Knights is not only in what we do, but also in how we love and serve our families and one another.

Vivat Jesus,

Ed Fischer
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FAITH



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CHILDREN**

Office of Child and Youth Protection and Safe Environment Training -
The Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix

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<https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org>

Safe Environment (SET)
Training is Required by all Diocese
staff and volunteers.
Please contact Salina in the parish
office 602-942-2608



We encourage anyone who has been a victim of abuse to call a local law enforcement agency.
For additional information about support services for those who have been abused, please contact
the Office of Child and Youth Protection at (602) 354-2396.

Thank you to all who have completed their SET (Safe Environment) annual training. We still have a way to go, so here is reminder. This year there is no exam but a good education video from Bishop Dolan and the Safe Environment Office.

Brother Knights,

Safe Environment Training (SET) provides valuable insights and accountability for protecting others, especially children and vulnerable adults, from abuse. As Knights, we are called to serve our parish and community with integrity and compassion. One way we fulfill this duty is by ensuring that we are trained and equipped to create a safe environment for all.

Given the many opportunities we have to serve within the parish, such as Donut Sundays, Ladies High Tea, and parish festivals, I am asking that each Knight complete their SET certification or renewal.

You can complete the training online through the Diocese of Phoenix Safe Environment website:

<https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org>

Thank you for your commitment to serving others and upholding the values we stand for as Knights.

We are sending this reminder to all Knights. If you have already completed your SET, thank you!

Vivat Jesus!

Ed Fischer, GK Council 15001

Rosary At Planned Parenthood

Charley Billingsley, Artie and Mary Hauer. PGK/FS Kirk LaPlante, Charter Grand Knight Gary Schulte, Mike Aguilar, Jim Sodelund and wife Lauri Soderlund all attended the 2nd Wednesday Planned Parenthood Rosary.



Friday September 19th Catholic Night at Diamondbacks.



A True Knight: The Cause for Canonizing Kendrick Castillo



Kendrick Castillo died saving others at a school shooting in 2019 at Highlands Ranch, Colorado, and was scheduled to become a Knight of Columbus.

On May 7, 2019, two gunmen had entered the Highlands Ranch STEM school and student Kendrick Castillo didn't waste any time protecting his fellow students.

Castillo immediately charged forward and pinned one of the gunmen to the wall before he was fatally shot. This act of his heroism inspired additional students to come forward and help disarm the gunmen, thus saving everyone else in the school. Castillo was the only fatality as he sacrificed his life to save others.

In August, priests from St. Mark Parish in Colorado Springs submitted a **petition to open the cause for canonization of Kendrick Castillo**.

Bishop James Golka of the Diocese of Colorado Springs publicly stated to The Denver Post that he is reviewing the petition and will consider whether or not to open an official cause for his beatification and canonization:

Although I have just begun to review the information that was submitted, it seems clear that Kendrick was an exceptional young man...As we study and discern how to approach the massive undertaking of promoting a canonization cause, I ask all the faithful to keep Kendrick's family in their prayers. In preparation for the petition, Fr. Gregory Bierbaum and Fr. Patrick DiLoreto of St. Mark Parish interviewed people who knew Castillo, determining if he led a life of heroic virtue.

Before his death, Castillo had expressed interest in the **Knights of Columbus** and wanted to become a member. He even had his first degree ceremony marked on his calendar.

In honor of his supreme act of courage and self-sacrifice, the Knights of Columbus gave to Castillo posthumously the "**Caritas Medal**" at the Knights' national convention which was in Minneapolis in 2019. It is the second-highest award anyone can receive in the organization.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson explained in his remarks how: *This award recognizes those who most profoundly embrace our Order's principle of Charity in their service and sacrifice for others. He is only the fourth recipient of this award.*

Much work will have to be done to determine if Kendrick Castillo can be considered for canonization, but in the meantime, Bishop Golka has stated that individuals can "**privately invoke Kendrick's intercession**" as evidence is collected in Castillo's cause for canonization.

Editor's Question Of The Month

What Are The Seven Acts of Mercy

The Seven Acts of Mercy, are also known as the Corporal Works of Mercy, and are Essential teachings in Christian tradition that guide how we should treat others in need.

1. **Feed the Hungry:** Provide food to those who are in need, recognizing that hunger is a basic human issue.
2. **Give Drink to the Thirsty:** Offer water or other beverages to those who are thirsty, ensuring access to this essential resource.
3. **Clothe the Naked:** Provide clothing to those who lack adequate attire, helping to protect their dignity and well-being.
4. **Shelter the Homeless:** Offer shelter or support to those without a home, ensuring they have a safe place to stay.
5. **Visit the Sick:** Spend time with and care for those who are ill, providing comfort and companionship during their time of need.
6. **Visit the Imprisoned:** Reach out to those who are incarcerated, offering support and compassion to those often forgotten by society.
7. **Bury the Dead:** Honor the deceased by ensuring they receive a proper burial, respecting their dignity even in death.

How many have you done the year?

Member Experience Interest Survey

To our new and current members, please know that we value your judgment, we appreciate your opinions, and we rely on your participation for the continued success of our council and parish. Our Knights of Columbus council conducts a variety of programs – activities where you can personally apply your talents and fulfill your ambitions. In an effort to ensure a great Knights of Columbus council experience, we ask that you complete the following survey. Thank you and *Vivat Jesus!*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Marital Status: Married Single Widower If Married, Wife's Name: _____

Number of Children: Boys _____ Girls _____

Occupation: _____ Parish/Church: _____

Hobbies/Interests: _____

FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

Please list your preferences for those Faith in Action programs you would be interested in volunteering at or attending.

FAITH	FAMILY	COMMUNITY	LIFE
<input type="checkbox"/> General Interest in Programs Designed for Faith Formation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Interest in Programs Designed to Strengthen Families	<input type="checkbox"/> General Interest in Programs Designed for Community Service	<input type="checkbox"/> General Interest in Programs Designed to Create a Culture of Life
<input type="checkbox"/> Into the Breach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family of the Month	<input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Preparedness	<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Refugee Relief
<input type="checkbox"/> Pilgrim Icon Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep Christ in Christmas	<input type="checkbox"/> Free Throw Championship	<input type="checkbox"/> Silver Rose
<input type="checkbox"/> Build the Domestic Church Kiosk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family Fully Alive	<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer Challenge	<input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy Center Support
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rosary	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Week	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helping Hands	<input type="checkbox"/> Aid & Support After Pregnancy (ASAP)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Reflection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consecration to the Holy Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Novena for Life
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Hour	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Prayer Night	<input type="checkbox"/> Coats for Kids	<input type="checkbox"/> Mass for People with Special Needs
<input type="checkbox"/> Sacramental Gifts	<input type="checkbox"/> Good Friday Family Promotion	<input type="checkbox"/> Global Wheelchair Mission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> March for Life
<input type="checkbox"/> Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food for Families	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Habitat for Humanity	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Olympics
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ultrasound
			<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

How much time do you think you can contribute to council activities?

1 hour per month 1 hour per week Multiple hours per week

What are some ideas you have for new or improved programs? _____

Would you be able to assist in leading any new or improved program? Yes No

What do you hope for your membership in our council? _____

Please submit this form to your Grand Knight



Join the 4th 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 Patriot 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 (SK) Ted Cherekos.



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.

Serenity Prayer

*O God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.*

Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time.

Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace.

Taking, as He did, the sinful world as it is, not as I would have it.

*Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with Him forever*

What does the 4th degree of KofC do?

The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, also known as the "Patriotic Degree," is dedicated to fostering the spirit of patriotism and promoting responsible citizenship. Members of the Fourth Degree serve as honor guards at civic and religious functions, which has brought worldwide recognition to the Knights of Columbus.

They also participate in programs that support veterans and active military, and they are part of a Fourth Degree Assembly in their area. The Fourth Degree Assemblies encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in their members and the community at large.

There are four Degrees of membership in the Knights of Columbus.



In more detail, these goals may be stated as:

To promote and strengthen the patriotic spirit of the civic community.

To educate its members, and others, both in the teachings of Holy Mother Church, and the history of our nation.

To promote by example the highest type of citizenship so necessary for the preservation and perpetuation of republican form of government, and its democratic institutions.

To oppose dissemination and spread of doctrine dangerous to our form of government, and to the Divine law of faith and morality.

To support by word and deed, the duly constituted authorities of local, state and national government, and to recognize excellence in public life.

Therefore, it is not unusual to find Fourth Degree Knights participating visibly in church events, such as Eucharistic processions, and others, and in the community, standing up for the unborn and the elderly at Pro-Life events, and commemorating the sacrifices of previous generations on Remembrance Day.

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025!



The logo chosen for the Holy Year depicts four stylized and graceful figures, in four colors that recall the shades of the rainbow, as red, orange, green, and blue. The choice of colors is not random, just as the color of sacred vestments throughout the liturgical year is not.

Red symbolizes love, passion, and self sacrifice, Christ's sacrifice and His boundless love for humanity, but also the fire of the Holy Spirit and His strength that animates Christians.

Orange expresses joy, vitality, and enthusiasm, the light that illuminates the path of faith.

Green is universally recognized as the color of hope, growth, and rebirth.

Blue, finally, symbolizes faith, peace, and tranquility, evoking the sky and spirituality and inviting contemplation and prayer.

The four figures represent humanity, in its differences and similarities.

They proceed to embrace each other, expressing the solidarity and brotherhood that should unite the peoples of the world.

Leading them is the red figure, clinging to a Cross formed by a black curve that ends, at the bottom, with an anchor. The Cross is not rigid, not static, but bends towards humanity as if to embrace it." The sense of this symbol in the Jubilee logo is clear: it is precisely in the most difficult moments that we need to rely on an anchor that glues us securely and guarantees salvation, and what better anchor than the Cross, a symbol of Christ and His infinite love for all of us?

The presence of small, agitated waves at the bottom of the logo confirms the existence of dangers and obstacles, of all those personal events and events of the world that make each of our lives not always easy.

Thus, the logo in its entirety takes on a clear meaning and the Jubilee, with its twelve months of ceremonies and initiatives, becomes a long pilgrimage to be undertaken together, as brothers, towards salvation, guided by the Cross and the hope of our salvation promised by God.

Safe Environment Training (S.E.T.) S.E.T. Remains as Very IMPORTANT

All Knights,

Well, it's that time of year when we need to again remind all our Knights that they need to prepare to complete our Safe Environment Training for 2024-2025.

For those Knights who have completed the course, already, thank you.

If you have completed the course, please send me your S.E.T. Certification ASAP: Salina Villanueva, svillanueva@stpaulsphoenix.org

Should you have any questions or need help, please feel free to contact the diocese directly using their phone number 602-354-2000 during business hours or go to <https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org/support>.

If you are having difficulties setting up a new account, please contact Salina Villanueva for assistance and include:

- Your Diocese and parish or school
- Your phone number and availability for a call-back
- A description of where you are having difficulties

Thank you for everything that you do for the Knight of Columbus at St. Paul's. It is because of you that Council 15001 is one of the best, if not the best, Council in Arizona.

VIVAT Jesus

Charley Billingsley, Past Grand Knight



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Promoting the Domestic Church— Families

The Knights of Columbus Order has always been interested in the development of strong and vibrant families. To support this philosophy and to create an awareness of many of our parish families, our Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, located in New Haven, Connecticut started the “Family of the Month” program in 1978. The “Family of the Month” program has become a successful part of our “Faith in Action” program.

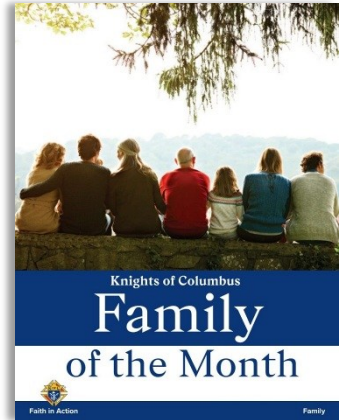
Family of the Month

The Knights of Columbus “Family of the Month” Program promotes and recognizes families who outwardly exhibit strong ties of love and faith, demonstrating Catholic family values, and how the family makes meaningful contributions to our parish and the community.

Our Council has established a “Family of the Month” committee whose responsibility it will be to select a “Family of the Month”. The committee is made up of our St. Paul’s Knights of Columbus Council members and the St. Paul’s parish staff. We are working together to get recommendations for selecting a “Family of the Month”. Our “Family of the Month” committee is not looking for “Super Families”, but we are looking for families who live traditional Catholic family values like:

- Is the family tight knit? Does the family spend quality time together?
- Does the family attend weekly Mass together?
- Does the family pray together outside of Mass?
- Has the family made significant contributions to the parish and church community?
- Does the family serve as a model of Catholic family values?

On the 15th day of each month — from August 1st through July 31st— the “Family of the Month” submissions will be drawn at random from entries received at our Supreme Council offices in New Haven, Connecticut. Each of the selected families will receive a special Holy Family gift and a personal letter of congratulations from our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly. These items will be mailed directly to the family’s home address.



Family of the Year



Our “Family of the Month” Committee is also participating in selecting a “Family of the Year”. The “Family of the Year” selection process is the same as the “Family of the Month”. An eligible “Family of the Year” recipient must be a Knights of Columbus family that has been selected in the last 12 months. Our committee will consider whether the family has continued to show the traits of a strong Catholic family as well as their promoting the principles of our Church and the principles of the Order of the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council will make a “Family of the Year” selection from all those they have received from the Knights of Columbus State Councils.

The “Family of the Year” will be invited to attend the annual Knights of Columbus

Supreme Convention where a special presentation will be made.

If you know a Catholic family you would like us to recognize, please call our Family of the Month Chairman, Phil Tabbita, PGK, at 202-256-9642 or send an email to Ptabbita@apwu.org

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An annuity is a retirement savings product. You make contributions, and, after a specified amount of time, the annuity pays you a regular income stream.

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Retirement annuities provide security and peace of mind that people of all ages and financial circumstances can benefit from.

How does it work?

Knights of Columbus retirement annuities come with many different payment and plan types (see below) which determine the nature of the annuity.

Once established, the money within a Knights of Columbus annuity continues to earn value, before eventually disbursing according to the options that you elect.

Knights of Columbus annuities also come with two very important guarantees.

First, with a Knights of Columbus annuity, your principal is guaranteed. Regardless of market condition or company results, your Knights of Columbus annuity will not lose value.

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What options do I have?

Payment Type

There are three payment types for Knights of Columbus annuities:

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Plan Types

In the United States, the Knights of Columbus annuities have three available plans:

Non-Qualified Annuity

Traditional Individual Retirement Annuity

Roth Individual Retirement Annuity

The Knights of Columbus also offers Tax Sheltered Annuities (TSA) and a Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) options.

Contact your Knights of Columbus field agent today to learn more about our retirement annuities, and about the safety and security that we can help provide.

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Please consult your own attorney or tax professional for advice regarding your individual situation.

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Withdrawals and surrenders will decrease the value of your annuity and, subsequently, the income you receive.

Early withdrawal from an annuity may result in surrender charges and tax implications (including a 10 percent penalty prior to age 59 1/2). The taxable portion of each annuity distribution is subject to income taxation.

Product features may vary by state.

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Birthdays— October 2025

October 02	Scott Kasallis		October 02	Carmen Samudio
October 04	Fr. David Loeffler		October 15	Vicki Pettit
October 05	Miguel Romero		October 16	Jo Karl
October 06	James Gentner		October 21	Judy Mackin
October 06	Fr. Dindo Cuario		October 28	Dema Schulte
October 09	Thomas Roggenkamp			
October 09	William Castellarin			
October 11	Infantain Tilak Morais			
October 12	Thomas Nash			
October 15	Shawn Smith			
October 21	Edward Cunningham			
October 23	Greg Huelskamp			
October 24	Michael Aguilar			
October 27	James Cairo			

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

October

Arizona Rosary Bowl _____
 2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary _____
 Donut Sunday _____
 Servers _____
 EM _____
 Lector _____
 Adoration _____
 Other: _____

November

2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary _____
 Donut Sunday _____
 Servers _____
 EM _____
 Lector _____
 Adoration _____
 Bingo _____
 Memorial Mass _____
 Blood Drive _____
 Other: _____

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



October 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Family of the Month/Donut Sunday	6	7	8 General Meeting 7:00 p.m. In Conference Room and Rosary at Planned Parenthood	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Assembly 1805 Meets at 7:00 pm St. Joseph's church	17	18 Arizona Rosary Celebration - Dinner
19 Arizona Rosary Celebration	20 Officers' Meeting 7:00 p.m. Conference Room	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 All Saints Eve / Halloween	

Upcoming Events For October/November 2025

October 2025

- Oct. 01 ****Note change of date for General Meeting to October 8th**
- Oct. 07 Donut Sunday/Family of the Month
- Oct. 08 General Meeting 7:00 p.m. In Conference Room
- Oct. 15 Rosary at Planned Parenthood
- Oct. 16 Assembly 1805 Meets at 7:00 pm St. Joseph's church
- Oct. 18/19 Arizona Rosary Bowl
- Oct. 20 Officers' Meeting In Conference Room 7 p.m.

November 2025

- Nov. 01 All Saints Day
- Nov. 02 Donut Sunday/Family of the Month
- Nov. 05 General Meeting 7:00 p.m. In Conference Room
- Nov. 08 KOC Memorial Mass at Holy Redeemer
- Nov. 12 Rosary at Planned Parenthood
- Nov. 16 Blood Drive
- Nov. 17 Officers' Meeting In Conference Room 7 p.m.
- Nov. 20 Assembly 1805 Meets at 7:00 pm St. Joseph's church
- Nov. 20 BINGO

Covid/Flu Season is not over.
Remember: Hot water and soap
will shorten the life of a virus.
Also, wearing a mask may also
make a difference.



**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 at tkarl@charter.net 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.*

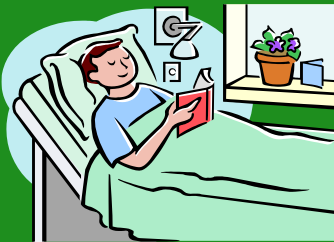
*I commit myself to be active in the pro-life
movement,
And never to stop defending life
Until all my Brothers and sisters are protected,
And our nation once again becomes
A nation with liberty and justice
Not just for some, but for all.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen!*

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 of distressed Brothers or their relatives:*

Brothers Manuel "Manny" Flores, Luis Torres, James Wayne, Bob Waugh, Steve Pettit, Ray Rosetti, Jim Soderlund, John Van Cuyk, Tom Karl, Richard Diefendorf, Alberto Vela and Fr. Mike.

Rest of the soul of Brothers who passed within the last year— Bill Hintze, Bill O'Connell, George Mendell, Don Kolb, Thai Nguyen (Peter's son), Bernie "Butch" Cook, David Earl and Robert Benincasa.



Also family members: Terra Billingsley, Sophia Billingsley (Daughter of Morgan and Makenna), Lila VanCuyk (wife of John), Diane Russell (wife of Tom), mother of Cathy Blome, Pat Long (wife of Ken Long), brother of Fr. Bruno, Matthew (son of Karen Roggenkamp), Irene Gramza and Josh and Janice, (Ray Rosetti's Grandson and daughter) 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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