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Council 15001

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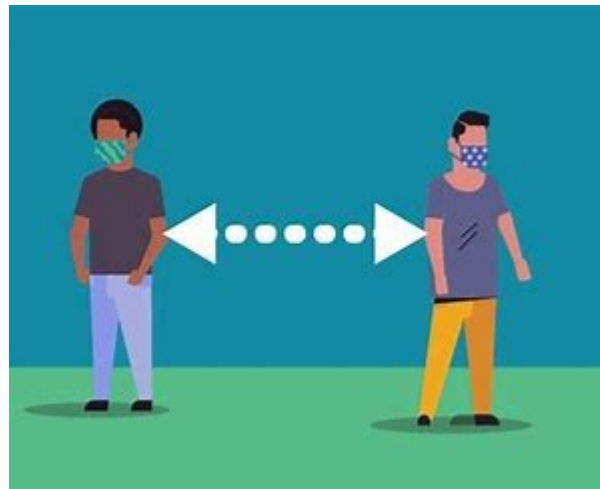
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The Next Membership Meeting will be held on September 9th in O'Carroll Hall.

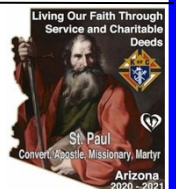


Chairs will be spaced 6' apart to comply with the guidelines of Social Distancing.

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

**This is the desire of the Supreme Knight.**  
**Can you help us make it happen?**

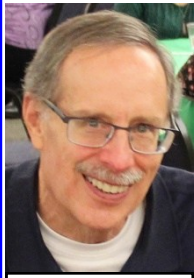
**For Fraternal Year 2020-2021**  
**The State Theme is:**  
**Living Our Faith Through Service and Charitable Deeds**



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Grand Knight Kirk LaPlante

## Grand Knight's Column



Brother Knights and families of Council 15001,

Like many of you, my wife Janet and I have been staying very close to home during the COVID crisis.

Like many of you, we have been watching some of the speeches made during the conventions and just want to remind my Brothers and families that it is important to get out and vote this year. There are many items on the various agendas that warrant our attention.

Noting this, I just want to remind each of you that while we cannot pray at the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic at this time, that it is up to each of us to do what we can to remain strong and steadfast in our beliefs and religion. Since we cannot actively participate together, I encourage each of you to take some time out of your Sunday and pray the Sorrowful, Joyful and Glorious mysteries, which includes 5 decades of each mystery.

Fact check....each and every day 2,400 abortions are performed in the US and 125,000 worldwide....that's an incredible 876,000 per year in the US and an unbelievable 45 million a year worldwide.

The last time I checked the fifth commandment is still **Thou shall not kill!!!**

Don't be surprised if the very first question we each are asked by Jesus on judgement day is how did you treat the most vulnerable in my kingdom? We all recall the famous Gospel passage in Matthew 25: 31-46 where Jesus separates the sheep from the goats ... you don't want to be a goat!!!

What criteria did Jesus use to judge when asked "Most certainly I tell you, because you did it to one of the least of these my brother, you did it to me." Certainly a baby in the womb is considered the least of the least.

We have a clear choice in this year's elections to vote the sanctity of life at every stage from conception to natural death.

We can all join Rosary Captain Mike Aguilar in praying the Rosary in front of Planned Parenthood on the second Sunday of each month from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., when it is once again allowed by our Worthy State Deputy (held up only due to Covid-19 issues). Faithfully joining Mike most months are Brothers Frank Dzielak, Chris Theut, Artie and Mary Hauer, Jim Soderlund, Jack and Nadine Swartz, Mike Robinson and Denise Poirier, Bob and Teresa Waugh, along with Bill, Debbie and her two children Grace and Joseph Castellarin, Luis Samudio, Steve Pettit, Mike Murphy, among others. Oh yes, our beloved late Brother Joe Gray always was an active participant....and let's not forget our friends Rijo and Nevil, pictured kneeling in the photo to the immediate right.



## [Star Council Award](#)

Worthy Brother Diefendorf,



Congratulations! Council 15001 has earned the 2019-2020 Star Council Award, recognizing your excellence in program activity, membership growth (100.00% of quota), insurance promotion, fraternal reporting and Safe Environment compliance.

During this challenging year, your Council adapted and continued to stand in the breach; serving your Brothers, families, parishes and communities. The Supreme Council is pleased to recognize these achievements and acknowledges the hard work of you and your Brother Knights.

Your Council's award plaque will be shipped to your District Deputy for presentation.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, production and delivery of awards is currently estimated at 10-12 weeks.

Additionally, to help celebrate this accomplishment and promote your Council, attached please find a bulletin announcement and press release for your use. These are great tools that will highlight your good works in the community. There is still much to be done and we need your Council to lead the way. Keep the momentum going and start planning now for another successful Fraternal Year!

The new 2020-2021 Star Council requirements, which can be found at [KofC.Org/Star](http://KofC.Org/Star), will help guide your council to excellence in the year to come.

Thank you and Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Daniel Isabel Manager, Fraternal Operations Knights of Columbus

## [Welcome To New Members of Council 15001](#)

Council 15001 recently had 2 members transfer in to our membership from other Councils: John R. Smith, a high school teacher, transferred in from a Glendale Council, and Robert Kerrigan, retired, from Wisconsin. Congratulations to these new members. When the pandemic is lessened or over, we will introduce them at a future meeting.

## [Ready, S.E.T. Go!](#)

Listed below will be the steps to get you into the S.E.T Training Program.

- 1) Go To your Search Engine (Internet Explorer, Firefox Mozilla, etc.)
- 2) [www.stpaulsphoenix.org/ministries](http://www.stpaulsphoenix.org/ministries)
- 3) Choose Ministries
- 4) On the drop down menu - Choose S.E.T.
- 5) Choose renewal instructions
- 6) Print instructions
- 7) Follow instructions

Please complete your S.E.T Training asap and send me a copy of your certificate.

My e-mail address is: [jjvancuyk@gmail.com](mailto:jjvancuyk@gmail.com)

For those Brothers who have already completed the course, Thank you.

Any questions, feel free to contact me or the St. Paul's office.

Vivat, Jesus

[John Van Cuyk](#)

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**IRENE GRAMZA HONORED BY KNIGHTS OF COUNCIL 15001**

**Another story** – At the recent membership meeting, the Council voted unanimously to honor Irene Gramza. On August 27th, Irene Gramza, who is a longtime parishioner at St. Paul’s parish, was honored by St. Paul’s Knights of Columbus Council 15001 for being elected as a National Director on the National Board of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, which is a long ago formed organization originally created for wives of Knights of Columbus.



Irene has been active in helping the Knights on a number of projects. It was decided that we would honor her by planting a pink grapefruit tree on St. Paul’s campus with a proper shield on it indicating it is in Irene’s honor and noting her accomplishments.

A call was put out to our membership asking for help from any Knight with knowledge of trees and to our surprise, almost immediately, one of our long time members, Charles Kirkland, responded saying that he and his wife Carolina would contribute the grapefruit tree from their company, “Blue Sage Landscaping”. A tree, with appropriate signage, was planted on the parish campus honoring Irene.



Nearly 50 individuals turned out in 105 degree weather to see the unveiling and the homage paid to Irene, including Knights of Columbus, a number of Daughters of the Americas and other parishioners.

The 12 Knights who attended included: Brothers Francis Abijaoude, Mike Aguilar, Jim Cairo, Frank Dzielak, Charles Kirkland, Don Kolb, GK Kirk LaPlante, Nelson Mayo, Fr. Ishaya Samalia, Al Sindorf, PGK/FS Jack Swartz and Ernie Weege. A large contingent of Catholic Daughters from around the state were also on hand.

GK Kirk LaPlante opened the meeting with a prayer and salute to the American flag, with an explanation and history of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, an organization originally created for wives of Knights.

PGK/FS Jack Swartz then gave a background of Irene’s accomplishments and the many things she has done for her organization, the Women’s Guild and the parish, as well as the Knights of Council 15001. A permanent tree and sign were placed in the Marian garden next to the conference center.

This was followed by remarks from the honoree Irene who thanked the Knights and the Daughters.

Photos were then taken and the meeting was closed with a prayer led by Lynn Wilson, State 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Regent of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Arizona.



***Congratulations to Irene and many thanks to Charles Kirkland, his wife Carolina, and their company “Blue Sage Landscaping”.***

**Prayers Are Needed—Many Of Our Prayers Are Working**

**For Don Garcia**

Also, we continue to ask for prayers for Don Garcia, one of our Charter Members as well as being a police officer, is still feeling the effects of Covid-19 illness. While he is reported to be in stable condition, we ask for many prayers for him as well. Don is a real fighter and survived a terrible motorcycle crash several years ago. Let’s pray him back to completeness again!

**Also—For Larry Mackin**

Once again, this month, we ask for your continued prayers for Brother and Sir Knight Larry Mackin. Please, email him if you get a chance as I’m sure that he would like hearing from others. His email: [sklarrymac@gmail.com](mailto:sklarrymac@gmail.com)

**Not to Be Missed—Brother Chris Theut**

We continue again this month requesting prayers for Brother Chris Theut. He is still dealing with a blood clot behind his knee and is asking for prayers.

**Wives Are Included—Nadine Swartz**

Nadine Swartz, wife of Brother Jack Swartz, PGK/FS, had a bad fall and injured her back. Let’s offer up prayers for her as well and get her back on her feet and ready to dance!

**Ruperto Salinas, His Wife and Family**

We ask for lots of prayers for Ruperto and Ruperto’s wife who has been spending a lot of time in California taking care of her elderly father and this leaves Ruperto taking care of their 2 small children, which takes up most of his time, as he also still works.

**Tom Nash, PGK**

Ongoing health problems which needs to be resolved before he can be operated on.

**Chuck Kime**

Notified that Chuck is experiencing some health problems.



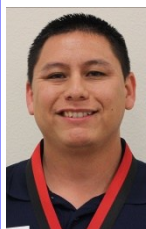
One never outgrows their need for their Guardian Angel.  
Let’s help the Guardian Angels and pray for all whom they protect!



**Change Of Council Recorder**

Ruperto Salinas has reluctantly submitted his resignation as Council Recorder due to pressing family commitments. Grand Knight Kirk LaPlante has accepted the resignation and in turn has appointed Brother Frank Dzielak as Ruperto’s replacement. Many Thanks go to Ruperto for his past service as our Recorder.

**Recorder**



Ruperto Salinas



Responsible for keeping and maintaining a true and permanent record of all actions of the Council, using a Recorder’s Minute Book (#1403)  
Maintains all correspondence of the Council  
Reads the bills entered into the minutes for discussion  
Performs such other duties as the grand knight may direct  
The medal of office of the recorder is crossed quills suspended from a ribbon of yellow and white. The quills represent writing, knowledge and communication and are also symbolic of the Recorder’s duty to write and preserve letters and documents (records). The ribbon of yellow and white represents intellect and goodness.



Frank Dzielak

### **SPECIAL LIMITED TIME MEMBERSHIP PROMOTIONAL OFFER**

For a period commencing Wednesday, July 22 and continuing through September 30<sup>th</sup>, new members are being offered FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP for their first year. Prospects simply need to visit [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) and enter the code **MCIVNEY2020** to take advantage of this special offer.

Father McGivney was faced with a pandemic in the 1880s, as we are today. And in the face of that pandemic, he persevered in his efforts to evangelize those in his community, to form his parishioners in their Catholic faith, and to grow the Knights of Columbus. As his spiritual heirs, we can do nothing less.

Our pastors need the Knights of Columbus. Our fellow parishioners need the Knights of Columbus. Those impacted by COVID-19 need the Knights of Columbus. Just as our holy founder surely would, let us resolve to Leave No Neighbor Behind, and to offer every Catholic man the opportunity to join the Order that he founded some 138 years ago.

### **Fraternal Activities During Pandemic Conditions**

Although many jurisdictions are slowly reopening, the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to present a significant risk, especially to persons who are vulnerable due to age or medical condition. Because the health and safety of our members and guests is of paramount concern, Council Officers and members are advised to proceed cautiously as they resume ordinary fraternal activity.

The Order's policy for fraternal activity during current pandemic conditions has been updated as follows:

1. In order to prevent inadvertent spread of COVID-19 by asymptomatic carriers, travel for Knights of Columbus fraternal activity should be limited to that which is necessary and required.
2. Councils, Assemblies and Circles should use electronic tools and procedures as much as possible for fraternal activity, particularly meetings.
3. In-person meetings should be avoided unless personal interaction is essential and local pandemic orders and regulations permit. If you decide to resume in-person meetings, it would be ideal that they be conducted outside. Please note that you must offer all members the opportunity and means to participate remotely, so that members who are concerned about their health may avoid possible exposure to the coronavirus. **Until further notice, no member may be required to attend any meeting in person.**
4. Councils' Officers should exercise prudential judgment when planning to resume in-person meetings and events. They must research and obey all diocesan rules, as well as the current orders and regulations issued by civil authorities. Any activities planned at local parishes must be coordinated in advance with pastors. The Supreme Council has created an inventory of resources to assist Council Officers as they consider whether and when to resume in-person meetings and events. Go to "Fraternal Operations Webinars" at [kofc.org/training](http://kofc.org/training).

*This policy is subject to change in response to new developments in the pandemic.*

## **Life Insurance Products**

### **Rule of 72**



The Rule of 72 is a simple formula that can help investors calculate how long they need to achieve a desired portfolio size. While the S&P 500 has historically increased in value, there are extended periods of negative returns that can't be accurately predicted in a simple math equation. However, calculating the number of years required when investing money with a consistent hypothetical return may help determine whether you're being too conservative or too aggressive in investment choices.

Let's assume an investor has \$25,000 invested in a conservative account, yielding a consistent 3%. Divide 3 into 72. The result will tell you how many years it takes to double your investment. The answer is 24. In 24 years, your account will be worth \$50,000. In 48 years, it will be worth \$100,000.

Consider an account choice that you thought would yield 8%. Divide 8 into 72. The answer is 9. In 9 years (versus 24), your account would have grown to \$50,000. In 18 years (versus 48), it would be worth \$100,000 and in 48 years, comparing with the above account of \$100,000, it would be worth over \$1,000,000.

The Rule of 72 is a time-proven method to predict the time needed at a given return for a portfolio to double in value. The lesson is that time and investment choices matter if you are attempting to attain a financial goal.

### **Estate Planning**

Recently, the adult children of an older couple lamented that their parents had not established a will before their death. With a blended family that included children, stepchildren and grandchildren including one with special needs, the situation became murky.



#### **The following thoughts may prove beneficial in an estate planning process.**

Consider who and what is important to you. Decide on guardianships for minor children, care for special-needs individuals, gifts to a special charity, and distribution of family heirlooms and assets.

Establish a Last Will and Testament. Likely completed with the help of a lawyer or online services, these are the legal directions of your above decisions. You may want to name an executor at this step. An executor is the person who will be responsible for ensuring that the people named in your will receive their inheritance.

Consider whether you need a trust. Not everyone needs one, but trusts are one way to potentially minimize estate taxes.

#### Establish health care decisions/concerns.

A living will outlines the manner in which your health care will be handled in the event you are incapacitated.

A health care proxy gives legal authority to someone to make health care decisions if you are not able to; a health care power of attorney is someone who will need to pay for the health care. The easiest way to handle this is to have the same person do both jobs, but you can choose two people.

Establish a durable financial power of attorney. This grants someone legal authority to act on your behalf for financial issues if you are unable to. This is ideally left in the hands of a competent, trusted person.

1. Write a personal letter. Some things of importance need not be a part of your will – but might be helpful for the family. Perhaps your letter gives directions for funeral arrangements, some family history or lets those left behind know how much you love them.
2. Organize your files. Make sure your “inner circle” (including the executor) has a copy of the will or knows where to find it and how to access it (i.e., combination lock, password or key). If you provide a copy, remember to update all copies should you make changes in the future.

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## How SMART Goals Can Create Lasting Change



If each person has 24 hours at his or her disposal, why do some find it easy to achieve their goals without procrastinating while others find it difficult? One pivotal method used by high achievers is SMART goal setting.

### *The acronym SMART means:*

#### Specific:

There is no room for vague verbiage when developing your goals. Indefinite goals produce indefinite results.

#### Measurable:

Questions you may ask yourself when setting your goals and objectives are: What exactly do I want to achieve? Where? How? When? Why exactly do I want to reach this goal? Write down your answers.

#### Attainable:

Many people begin with good intentions, but large goals become unviable or beyond reach. Consider attainable “steps” toward your goal, reaching your bigger goal in smaller “baby steps.”

#### Realistic:

You may wish to examine whether the goal is practical and realistic. Some goals may be a tremendous stretch but attainable with great effort. You will need to weigh the goal against current certainties in your life such as time, effort, money and health.

#### Time sensitive:

Every goal should have a timeframe for achievement. You may find it helpful to break down a larger goal into individual measurement and timeframes.

Having a goal and putting it in writing gets most of us only so far. A SMART strategy provides clear action points we can follow to create enduring results.

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## *Birthdays—September 2020*

September 02	Don Kolb
September 05	Thomas Goss
September 06	Robert Anderson
September 08	Morgan Billingsley
September 17	Artie Hauer
September 20	Reggie Alilonu
September 23	Chris Theut
September 26	George Mendell
September 27	Nelson Mayo
September 28	Beren Dingott
September 29	Matthew Smith
September 30	James Gibson



September 04	Cynthia Abijaoude
September 04	Nancy Kolb
September 13	Sharon Sindorf
September 16	Linda Replogle
September 21	Mary Catherine Schumacher
September 23	Le Nguyen
September 29	Mary Kay Parsons

*Happy Birthday*

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

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

### *Our Knights In Action*

During the past Fraternal Year, PGK Richard Diefendorf sent a full year listing of the types of volunteer service hours, in a form format, to each member. We will try to continue that by providing a two-month list for you to fill out and give to the Financial Secretary. **You may also include any ministries that your wife and family participate in.** This means that you may include time for any and all parish ministries: EM, Adorer, Usher, Lector, Altar Server, Disting 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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

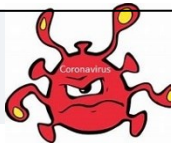
### *August*

*Most Events Canceled Due To Covid-19*

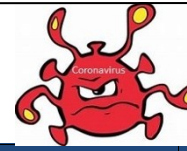
- Altar Servers Event—Cancelled due to Covid \_\_\_\_\_
- Seminarians Dinner—Mount Claret \_\_\_\_\_
- 2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary \_\_\_\_\_
- Servers \_\_\_\_\_
- EM \_\_\_\_\_
- Lector \_\_\_\_\_
- Adoration \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_


### *September*

- Safe Environment Training \_\_\_\_\_
- Knights at the Diamondbacks-TBA \_\_\_\_\_
- 2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary \_\_\_\_\_
- Servers –TBA \_\_\_\_\_
- EM—TBA \_\_\_\_\_
- Lector –TBA \_\_\_\_\_
- Adoration—TBA \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_



# September



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 General Meeting in O'Carroll Hall at 7:00 p.m. 	10	11	12
13 Rosary at Planned Parenthood	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Officers' Meeting RM 8 at 7:00 p.m.	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## Upcoming Events For September/October 2020

### Listing of events currently available


**September 9th**, General Meeting in O'Carroll Hall 7 p.m. with 6' spacing of chairs

**September 21st**, Officers' Meeting Rm 8, 7:00 p.m.

**October 7th**, General Meeting Conference Room 7:00 o/m.

**October 19th**, October Officers' Meeting Rm 8, 7:00 p.m.

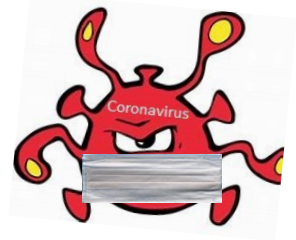
**October 18th** AZ Rosary Sunday (virtual)

**October 25th** Donut Sunday 



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

**Also, wearing a mask may also make a difference.**



**Now, for some sick jokes!**  
**(Yes, pandemics cause this!)**

What do you call a crocodile that is also a detective?  
An investi-gator

Apparently you can't use "beef stew" as a password.  
It's not stroganoff



## [Prayer to End Abortion](#)

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

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

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



### For Those Who Are Sick & Distressed

*Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness.*

*Hear the prayers we offer for our sick Brothers or their relatives: Gary & Dema Schulte, Fr. Mark Aune, Mike & Chris Murphy, Collette Thompson, Rick Razzano, Larry Mackin, Colin Russell, Diana Herrenna, Chuck Kime, Cecile Calderon, Ave Marie Leonard, PGK Dief's wife Mac, Margaret Smith, John Ingraham, Diane Russell, Nadine Swartz, Don Garcia, Chris Theut, and Tom Nash PGK .*

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

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

**In Memoriam**  
**Fr. Joe Hauer**

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

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