Knights of Columbus

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Grand Knight's Comments

Brothers All,

Star Council update: We now have 9 new brothers and NO new Insurance members. We are on schedule for membership but off on Insurance members, we need five for the year. If you don't have insurance with the nights, please consider. Even a small Annuity counts you can use it as a savings account.

January was kind of a slow month, recuperating from the Holidays, We did have a successful Pancake Breakfast. The next breakfast will be March 31st.

February the activity increases. Feb. 19th we have our Priest Appreciation Dinner we are sponsoring our three priests, Fr. Hans,

Fr. Nick, and Fr. David. All brothers should consider attending the dinner to show our appreciation.

The Rummage Sale is fast approaching Feb. 27th thru March 1st. This is always a big fundraiser, Please volunteer to help, Tom Vanek is the coordinator again this year. Please call him to offer some help.

Tom's no. 602-620-0973

We have three new officers Nick Kuczera has taken over for Toby Tobias as Warden. Toby had to resign due to sickness, Please keep him in your prayers. Ed Huntley is now our Financial Secretary, Gerry's term ended, Ed you have large shoes to fill but I'm sure your up to it. Rodger Chandler has assumed the position of Chancellor, congratulations and Thank You for taking the responsibility.

Our Holy Season is also upon us Ash Wednesday, March 6th, Palm Sunday, April 14th and Easter Sunday, April 21st.

Our Assembly will be having the second Annual First Responders appreciation dinner April 13th. All Brothers are encouraged to attend, show your appreciation for the work these officers due to protect us.

The State Raffle is on sale now Charlie Swift is coordinating again this year Please help Brother Charlie to sell tickets, on the Walkway, at coffee and donuts and to your friends and relatives. First prize is $10,000.

Vivat Jesus,
Joe D'Andrea GK

Spiritual Director Corner

Worthy Brother Knights:

The Church's teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Pope Leo XIII laid out 7 Catholic Social Thoughts:

1. Life and Dignity of the Human Person (abortion, euthanasia, cloning, embryonic stem cell research and the use of the death penalty attack human dignity and the individual).

2. Call to Family, Community and Participation (the family is the first cell of society. Strong families help organize a good society).

3. Rights and Responsibilities (Catholic tradition teaches human dignity can be protected and a healthy community achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities met...the fundamental right to life has to be the first social responsibility or all other rights to marry, freedom of thought and expression, right to public assembly, right to democracy, social security, worker's rights,education, health care and on and on are moot if a person does not have the right to life from the womb).

4. Option for the Poor and Vulnerable (the ancient Jewish tradition of taking care of widows and orphans means we can not leave anyone behind Cf. Mt 25: 31-46).

5. The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers (economy must serve people, not the way socialism or communism functions. Workers have the right to fair wages, to organize and join unions, to own private property and to economic initiative).

6. Solidarity (we are one human family regardless of national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences. We are our brothers and sisters keepers, wherever they may be).

Care for God's creation (God gave humans dominion over the earth. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan - it is a requirement of our faith.

Senators Mazie Hirono (D-HI) and Kamala Harris (D-CA) have raised membership in the Knights of Columbus as a point of concern during the Senate Judiciary Committee's consideration of Brian C. Buescher, an Omaha based lawyer nominated by President Trump to sit on the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska. Hirono stated that "the Knights of Columbus has taken a number of 'extreme' positions.e.g., contributing to California's Prop 8 banning same-sex marriage."

What to good Knights do in this current climate? BE CATHOLIC!

Vivat Jesus!!
Dcn. Dave Opsahl

ADORATION FRIDAYS.

"Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of love."
Pope John Paul II (1980)

Please stop by at least for a few moments of quite contemplation. "Jesus waits" for you

Every Friday 1 to 5 PM

Know Your Adoration Knights, and Join Us!

1:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m
Bob Buchholtz	Joe Ricci
Bob Capuder	Don McLane
Tom McCarthy	
Fred Semper	
Steve Salata	
Frank Moreno	
2:00 p.m.	**4:00 p.m.**
Pete Podlecki	Gerry Frese
Jim Tetzler	John Finan
Bill Oppliger	Pete Kendall
	Carter Ryan

Vivat Jesus.
Jim Barber, PGK

Coffee and Donuts

Coffee and donuts could use two guys to replace a couple of our brothers who are having health issues. Please give me a call or text at - 623-523-2779 - if you can help out; only one weekend a month and you get to work with some great guys and meet your fellow parishioners.

Bruce Grattan

Committee Chairmen and Directors

Program Director	Bob Buchholtz
Faith Director	Gerry Frese
Vocations Chairman	Jaime Avancena
Community Director	Agustin Chavez
Life Director	Thomas Vanek
Health Services	Paul Javete
Public Relations	Bruce Anthony
Family Director	Joe Ricci
Membership Director	Gene Mialki
Recruitment Chairman	Michael Alvernaz
Retention Chairman	Bob Buchholtz

Membership

The Council would like to congratulate the following new Brothers **Wayne Lorenzana, David Weil and Thomas McCloskey** who took their **Admission** (First) Degree on **January 14th**, 2019 at Council 3855.

Admission (First Degree) will be held on **Monday, February 11th**, 2019 at Council 7144 in Glendale at 7:30 PM.

The next **Formation** (Second) and **Knighthood** (Third) Degrees will be held at **Council 11738** in Glendale at 10 and 1130 AM, at St Helens on **Saturday, March 9th, 2019**.

The council has brought in nine (9) new members this year, our quota is fourteen (14).

Gene Mialki, PGK, PFN, FDM

From the Knights on Bikes

Happy New Year to all. I hope 2019 brings blessing to all of us. This year brings a lot of great events for the Knights on Bikes Arizona State. We have a lot of rides set up this year celebrating the Rosary and the life of Jesus Christ. We will be putting on our local "Blessing of the Bikes" sometime in May or June which will follow a ride up to Yarnel for another visit to the Stations of the Cross. The ride, just like it was last year, should be awesome. Our Brother, Nick Kuczera and his wife, Emily, welcomed their second child into the world on January 7th and his name is Brooks Eric Kuczera. Congrats Nick and Emily.

At the end of 2018 Toby was going to assume the title of KonB Phoenix Diocese Vice President. But because he fell victim to Bells Palsey he had to pull out and Fred Sotomayor will now take the position as The Diocese Vice President. Toby will be keeping the position of Chapter President. William Leguizamon will take the position as Chapter Vice President and Nick Kuczera will take the position of Sergeant at Arms. Including Father Hans, the West Valley Crew has 12 Brothers in all. Here we grow again. Until next month, May God Bless you all.

James Toby Tobias
KonB West Valley Crew President

Please Pray for our Seminarians
Gabriel Sabado & Estevan Wetzel

Our KofC Members in need of prayers

Gary Hart	Christine Speihs
Frank Moreno	Dcn Luke
Charlie Swift	Toby Tobias
Andy & Helen Aurzada	Tom Weier
Carol Wierbinski	
Estel Ryan	Carter Ryan
Sonny Chavez	Charlie Keenan

Brothers that **would** enjoy a call or visit. Please call prior to visiting

Gary Hart 480-267-6925
13528 W Desert Ln Surprise,

Seminarian Comments

Just got back from my pilgrimage to Mexico! Thank you for your prayers! It was a beautiful experience. I was able to receive the Relic of Miguel Pro in Mexico City. While there we also daily went to the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is such a beautiful place that one must go to! In addition, I went to Guadalajara to see old friends, because I had stayed there two years ago for 10 weeks to learn Spanish. It is a city of Martyrs during the Cristiada and Miguel Pro even fled there for a time. Know that I prayed for you all and thank you for your support!

In Christ,
Estevan C. Wetzel
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"There is no fear in love, perfect love casts out fear." 1 John 4:18 .

TREASURER'S REPORT

CHECKING

Beginning Balance	12/20	$2243.42
Deposits		$1777.00
Expenditures		$988.58
Ending Balance	1/17	$3031.84

SAVINGS

Balance	12/20	$2000.28
Deposit.....		$0.05
Withdrawal.....		$0.00
Ending Balance	1/17	$2000.33

Happy Birthday!!

Council members who are celebrating a Birthday this month

3-Feb	Jerry Malone
13-Feb	Jim Mulroy
14-Feb	Valentino Bianchini
16-Feb	Robert Kosmal
23-Feb	Claro Salvo
25-Feb	Gary Stonewall
25-Feb	Charles Anderson
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25-Feb	Brad Harkleroad
26-Feb	Gary Hart
27-Feb	John Tenuta
28-Feb	Philip Derrig

Important Dates
Mark Your Calendars

Feb 7th	**7:00 PM**	Officer Mtg—Traditions
Feb 12th	**7:00 PM**	4th Degree—Traditions
Feb 19th		Priest Appreciation Dinner
Feb 21st	**7:00 PM**	Business Mtg Church Hall
Feb 27th to Mar 1st		Rummage Sale
Mar 6th		Ash Wednesday
Mar 7th	**7:00 PM**	Officer Mtg—Traditions
Mar 12th	**7:00 PM**	4th Degree—Traditions
Mar 21th	**7:00 PM**	Business Mtg Church Hall
Mar 31st		Pancake Breakfast after all masses
Apr 14th		Palm Sunday
April 21st		Easter Sunday