



Knights of Columbus

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Valentines Day Feb 14th



Ash Wednesday Feb 26

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Grand Knight Input

Brothers All,

Star Council update, we now have 5 new brothers. We need 9 more by July 1st. We have 4 new Ins. members we only need one more for our quota. Invite men to join we have cards, brochures, open houses, if you need any supplies ask and you will receive.

Decon Dave sent me a note thanking all the Brothers for their support during the tragedy that struck him and his family with the passing of his grandson. Please keep David Mathew Opsahl in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

Special Olympics are on the horizon, we have track and field, and softball coming up. Please see Lynn for more details.

There will be a Men's Conference on Feb.1st in Phoenix. Our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson will be a principal guest speaker. Cost is \$49.00 you won't be sorry.

I will be making another order for shirts at the next meeting Feb. 21st if you would like to purchase shirts they are \$35.00 each.

The rummage sale is approaching quickly please help this year. See Tom for info. This is one of our largest fundraisers so please help.

Our fiscal year is over June 30th, we will have a vote for new officers coming up. If you would like to run for an office, please inform me of your intentions so we can add you to the candidate slate, qualification is a third-degree brother in good standing.

Raffle tickets are here please take at least two books. There aren't too many raffles giving away \$30,000 with ten winners, the top winner receives \$10,000.

God Bless you and your Families.

Vivat Jesus,

Joe D'Andrea Jr. G.K.

Spiritual Director Corner

Worthy Brothers:

Lent begins the last Wednesday of this month. The purpose of Lent is to prepare believers for Easter. This is done through the discipline of prayer, fasting and penance, and almsgiving. Knights are good at these things already but for the same reason we pray for the dead we pray for the living...we are all sinners who need purification. Christianity takes into account all of our human defects and Lent is a great time for me to take into account my ego; and I bet you have one too. I'm reminded of the T-shirt slogan that pokes fun at our egos. It simply says:

**"I may not be much...
but I'm *all* I think about."**

I must confess that I have never been good at fasting. I'm a total wimp at it. My blood sugar dives and I get cranky and moody until I eat and spend the recovery time apologizing for my "hangry" behavior.

So what I do is make a list. In one column I write down my virtues - those things I do well - and in the other column all my vices - the things I don't do well. Lent is the time of year when I select one virtue each day and use it as often as I can that day. On the same day I select one vice and ask God to help me to be consciously aware of when I am being vicious. Through prayer, penance and alms giving I receive "habitual grace" from God to turn my vices into virtues. What I suppose I am fasting from is my ego.

Vivat Jesus!

Dcn. Dave Opsahl

Membership

Admission (First Degree), **Formation** (Second) and **Knighthood** (Third) Degrees were held at our Council Meeting on January 16th, 2020, under the new Format by the Supreme Council, no longer Secret and allowing family members to attend.

The Council would like to congratulate our two new Brother Knights, **Stowman Stines and Michael Massell**. Also Brothers **David Grade and Christopher Platt** who completed their 2nd & 3rd Degrees.

We also have the following transfers into our Council: **Thomas Miller, Keith Haley, Don Halter, Dan Berger, and Patrick Sullivan**

The next **Fourth Degree** will be **Saturday, February 15th, 2020**, at **St Benedict Catholic Church**, at 16223 S 48th St, Phoenix, hosted by the **San Xavier del Bac, Assembly 14**.

So far we have **twelve (12)** from our Council and **five (5)** from Wickenburg.

The council has brought in **Five (5)** new members this year, our quota is **fourteen (14)**.

Gene Mialki, PGK, PFN, FDM



Please Pray for our Seminarians
Gabriel Sabado &
Dcn. Estevan Wetzel



Our KofC Members in need of prayers

Gary Hart	Eileen Ricci
Bob Buchholtz	Pete Kendall
Peter Podlecki	Ed Huntley
Dcn Dave Opsahl	Sam Salgado
Eddie Balderegro(sp)	Leanne Connelly
Chuck Ashbeck's Daughter	
Glenn Whitman's Brother Ron	
Lou Jutzi,	Gene Mialki,
Gene Gaudio,	Estel Ryan,
Dcn. Luke,	Carlos Saenz,
Sal Pinzone,	Charlie Keenan,
Sonny Chavez,	James (Toby) Tobias,
Peter Podlecki,	Vicki Townsend,
Helen Aurzada,	Christine Spiehs,
Steve Musto,	Glenn Whittman
John Finan,	Steve Salata,
Fr. Hans' Nephew	Roger Chandler

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

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TREASURER'S REPORT

No input this month



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
21-Feb	Sal Castaneda
23-Feb	Claro Salvo
25-Feb	Gary Stonewall
25-Feb	Charles Anderson
25-Feb	Brad Harkleroad
26-Feb	Gary Hart
28-Feb	Philip Derrig



Seminarian Comments

This Tuesday I head to Mexico City for a quick trip. The head of the Spirituality Year in Denver is going on Sabbatical after like 10 years. He's always wanted to go to Mexico City to see Our Lady, so I felt called to assist him. I will bring you spiritually!

I just thought Id' also share with you a quote I've been pondering for awhile from a movie:

"I think there's too much talk about sins
and not enough about virtues."

May we not remain in our sinfulness, beating ourselves up or assuming we have no where to go! Rather, let's remember the heights of sanctity each of us are called to and the great intimacy with the Lord we are called to have!

Holiness is tangible in our every day lives.

In Christ,

Deacon Estevan C. Wetzel

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"There is no fear in love, perfect love casts out fear." 1 John 4:18

Important Dates Mark Your Calendars

Feb 6th	7:00 PM	Officer Mtg—Traditions
Feb 11th	7:00 PM	4th Degree—Traditions
Feb 20th	7:00 PM	Business Mtg Church Hall
Mar 5th	7:00 PM	Officer Mtg—Traditions
Mar 10th	7:00 PM	4th Degree—Traditions
Mar 19th	7:00 PM	Business Mtg Church Hall

ADORATION

NOTE: Time change to 1-4

Every Friday—1 to 4

**WHEN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BECOME
THE CHAMPIONS OF EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION, ALL HEAVEN WILL REJOICE!
(And the Catholic world will follow them to**



Special Olympics **Volunteer Opportunities**

Thursday, April 9, Track & Field Competition in Glendale

Friday, April 17, Volleyball Competition in Avondale

Join us. There are several Knights already signed up for each even so you won't be going alone. If you wish to participate with us just let Lynn Golimowski know.

You will receive all the details in an email from Special Olympics.

Before we leave for these events we usually meet at the church hall to carpool.

Other than your name the only thing I will need is your shirt size

Lynn Golimowski

Contact Info on cover page

St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel isn't a saint in the traditional sense, but rather he is an angel, and the leader of all angels and of the army of God. This is what the title "Archangel" means, that he is above all the others in rank.

However, Michael the Archangel is still called a saint because he resides in heaven in communion with God.

Michael the Archangel has four main responsibilities or offices, as we know from scripture and Christian tradition.

The first is to combat Satan.
The second is to escort the faithful to heaven at their hour of death.
The third is to be a champion of all Christians, and the Church itself.
And the fourth is to call men from life on Earth to their heavenly judgment.

Very little is known about Michael the Archangel other than what we know from scriptures, which themselves are sparse.

In Daniel, he is mentioned twice. The first time as one who helped Daniel, and the second time he is mentioned with regard to the end times of the world, a time when he will stand and defend the righteous.

His next mention comes in the Epistle of St. Jude, where he is said to guard the tombs of Moses and Eve and has contended with Satan over the body of Moses.

The final mention is in Revelation, where St. Michael and his angels, do battle with the dragon.

There are other scriptures where St. Michael is implied, but not mentioned by name, such as the angel; who defends the gate to Paradise.

Today, St. Michel the Archangel is invoked for protection, especially from lethal enemies. He is also the patron of soldiers, police, and doctors.

Go to Catholicsonline.com for more information.

Jim Barber PGK Trustee

K of C INSURANCE FIELD AGENT

Brother Knights of Council 12851,

I spoke to some of you who attended the Priests appreciation dinner Friday night, but I want to get this message out over E-mail. There was an emergency meeting last week regarding St Josephs Youth Camp in Flagstaff. I was able to attend the meeting regarding a Campaign fundraiser. Here are the details of what is happening.

The St Josephs youth camp has been around since the 40's. It has been a place joy for 100s of youth every summer for these past 70 years. Many children have benefitted from retreats and summer outings at the camp. It is a great place for kids. I checked their website and they are already registering kids for camp that begins in June. If you want to know more just visit their website <https://www.sjycaz.com/>. The Knights have always supported this camp, and at one time it was managed by the State Deputy. The camp has hosted veterans the past two years with amazing success. Now I will continue with the news that I am writing about.

The camp is built on Federal land. IT has always been maintained by volunteers and camp staff. Most of the repairs can be done with donations and sweat equity. Recently the camp completed temporary repairs on the septic system. The repairs were just that; temporary. The camp is on federal land and must abide by the clean water act. Sadly the repairs are not adequate to meet the federal code and the entire septic system must be replaced. The replacement of a septic system can run \$500,000. Some of that cost can be cut down by volunteer work, and donated supplies. Yet the project will still run around \$250,000 to complete. This is not possible by pooling councils for a couple hundred dollars. Therefore the camp staff have recruited an organization that runs campaigns to raise funds for the camp.

I am the team captain for this area of the valley for the fundraising campaign. As a team captain I need to recruit at least five team participants and so far I have recruited one. The purpose of the campaign is very similar to many fundraising programs. Members will sponsor me to hit golf balls at Top golf on March 28th. As you can see we have 2 months to get this done. If you want to be a participant and agree to recruit 25 sponsors please reply **ASAP!** I will sign you up and give you all the training to be a success. I will give you more details on how to recruit sponsors, and reach your target by the 28th of March. You do not need to know how to play golf at Top golf, even a caveman can do it. If you do not want to participate on my team that leads me to ask for your help. Even though I am the team captain I must still find 25 sponsors similar to a team participant.

Top golf Scottsdale
9500 Talking Stick Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85256

We are asking members to sponsor us for \$1 per ball we hit. Don't worry, they will only allow us to hit 100 balls. This is the target donation because we would love to have you sponsor more per ball if you have the resources. We can take less per ball or one time donations. The donations you make are tax deductible and you will get a receipt for filing next year. IT is a good way to get ahead of those tax write offs early in the year. Please reply if you want to sponsor me to help save St Joseph's youth camp. All I need is the amount because I know everything else about you, and when you reply I will have your current email. Do not hesitate on this extremely important fundraiser. We do not want the camp to shut down and it is our concerted effort that will save the St Joseph's Youth Camp.

One last thing. I do know this will work if we all do our part. I have been working on this since the meeting on Tuesday and I now have 17 sponsors with over \$1,400 raised. Each participants goal is at least \$2,500 dollars, and if you multiply that times 60 participants we will be on our way to getting St Joes back on track. It is possible and it will take all of us doing our part.

Vivat Jesus!

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