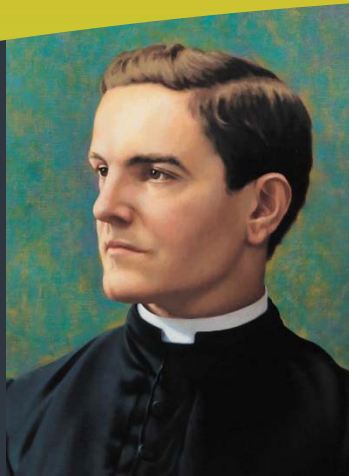


Schedule and Events

Council 10441 has several important upcoming events that all members are invited to attend for an evening of fun and fraternity. Please contact the Brother Knight indicated to make your arrangements to attend these events.

Please try to attend at least one Council meeting during this fraternal year. If you need a ride to the meeting, call GK Allan Reith at 520.444.5120. Dress is "Tucson Casual"

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Venerable Servant of God
Father Michael J. McGivney

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Meetings
Second Thursday of the Month
Officers ~ 6:30 p.m.
All Knights ~ 7:00 p.m.

Insurance Field Agent – Tony Lo Monaco

DECEMBER ~Knight's Birthdays

5th Juan J. Aguirre
5th Kelly Copeland
7th John Lochert
18th Bob Guth
20th Aaron Galaz
25th Andy Pongratz
26th Edward David Avila
27th Dane Armijo
30th Dean Callahan

January Knight's Birthdays

Jan 1st Matthew Karnas
Jan 2nd Tony Pittner
Jan 2nd Allan Reith
Jan 3rd Bob Sarikas
Jan 4th William Skieresz
Jan 9th Stephen Mroczka
Jan 12th Jeffrey Schaefer
Jan 14th Daniel Davis
Jan 17th David Ramsower
Jan 17th Adam Wypych
Jan 24th Rev Christopher Corbally
Jan 24th Ron Gretka
Jan 25th Timothy Donovan
Jan 26th Ernest J. Sayre
Jan 28th Kamal Dimitri
Jan 28th Michael Slania
Jan 31st Patrick Donahue

DECEMBER ~ Wedding Anniversaries

Juan & Ivonne Aguirre
John & Tina Candrea
Bill & Jennifer Lake-Wright
Gordon & Laurie Stone
David & Debbie Tholen
Frank & Jackie Vasquez
Joseph & Colleen Wypych



~GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER~ BY ALLAN REITH

Advent is the season of hope for all of us as we prepare for the birth of the Christ Child. We must open our hearts to make room for Him. Please pray for all persons, especially those Christians around the world who are persecuted because of their beliefs.

The question is often asked, "Why join the Knights of Columbus? What do they do?" One fine answer is, "They save lives and they change lives". The Knights of Columbus collected 392,000 pints of blood in the U. S. in 2015. They distributed 72,000 "coats for kids" in the U. S. and Canada in 2015. We at St. Thomas were a part of this. We make a difference.

We were very busy in November, collecting for our charities, having our pancake breakfast, holding our memorial mass and dinner. There were many positive remarks about the memorial mass and dinner, especially by the widows of our deceased Knights. It is good to stop and pray for these Knights. Many thanks to all who helped make these events a success.

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus

GK SK Allan Reith



JANUARY ~
Wedding Anniversaries

- Rodney & Margarita Clary
- Robert & Brenda Lloyd
- Jack & Sarah Million
- Brian & Christina O’Connell
- William & Jeanne Perry
- Patrick L. & Jackie Rylance
- Guillermo & Ilsa Teran
- Rev Kenneth & Shelley Wolfe

December ~
Wives Birthdays

- Linda Armijo
- Virginia Avila
- Barbara Copeland
- Betsy Dillon
- Tori Holter
- Delia Gravina
- LaMarshell Kamas
- Deborah Larson
- Martha Luebbering
- Maritza Metzger
- Armi Mulholland
- Gail Neer
- Christina O’Connell
- Kathryn Richardson
- Babs Ronstadt
- Kathy Szpakowski

January ~
Wives Birthdays

- Nancy Claffey
- Mary Cooper
- Joan Lang
- Arden Maas
- Barbara Mohr
- Josephine Neihart
- Joan Ruble
- Toni Marie Way

UPCOMING EVENTS

Knights of Columbus Patriotic Degree ~ Attention 3rd Degree Members ~ Now is the time to Join the 4th Degree. The 4th Degree is the most visible arm of the Knights of Columbus and represents the last principal of the order: Patriotism. This includes promoting responsible citizenship, and love and loyalty to their country. If you are a citizen of the country in which you reside, and a 3rd Degree Knight in good standing, then it’s time for you to consider joining the ranks of the 4th Degree. We are the Patriotic Degree, the pinnacle of Knighthood. Being a “Sir Knight” is more than a title, it’s an honor. All Knighthood Degree members are highly encouraged to continue their advancement in the Knights, and with their faith by advancing to the Patriotic Degree. The next scheduled Exemplification of the 4th Degree will be in Tucson on Saturday, January 7th, 2017. The registration deadline is December 23rd, with forms completed and mailed by December 20th. The ceremonial and the banquet will held be at the ‘DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel – Reid Park’, 445 S. Alvernon Way. It’s unlikely that another Patriotic degree exemplification will be scheduled until the middle of the summer, in Phoenix, when it might be 120 degrees. To learn more about and how to join its ranks, contact Bill Neer at theneers2@hotmail.com or Tom Metzger at tgmetz@comcast.com

Pancake Breakfast ~ Our next breakfast will take place on January 8th to coincide with the children’s Mass. Breakfast is only served after the 7:30 & 9 AM Masses.

Blood Drive ~ Our next scheduled Blood Drive is January 15th in the St. Thomas Parish Hall from 7:30 AM until noon.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship ~ Brother Knights, we have an upcoming fun council event, the Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Championship Contest for boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (ages as of January 1st). Our council's competition will be held Saturday, January 28, 2017, 8:00am-9:00am at St. Thomas the Apostle Parking Lot (Southeast corner). Contestants will compete in their respective age divisions. Winners can progress through local, district and state competition. We will award to all participants a KofC Free Throw Competition Patch. Participants must have parental consent. Council Brother Knights are requested to support this event by inviting boys and girls (and especially children & grandchildren ages 9 to 14) that you may know in our community to participate in this annual council event (no fee). For additional information contact Tom Metzger 520-529-8241, tgmetz@comcast.net, or Steve Villaescusa 520-338-2145, villaescus@aol.com

Mustang Car Raffle ~ The Jim Click Ford Mustang Raffle has concluded. Special congratulations to our FinSec Larry Lewis, who initiated and coordinated this incredible fundraiser for the council. The drawing is held on December 15th at the Tucson Convention Center. All proceeds from our Knights buying and selling tickets go directly to our council’s local Knights of Columbus designated charities. Thanks to all our Knights who participated and especially John Paul Vyborny, who sold the most tickets and is thus awarded the GT Shelby Mustang replica.

~ LECTURER ARTICLE ~
BY
MARTY RONSTADT



Knights Roundtable ~ Our discussion group will resume on January 7th back in the Parish library, immediately after the 8 AM Chapel Mass (@8:30). The discussion topic will be an article by Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, dated November 7, 2016 and taken from CRUX online magazine: "After today, the "Catholic vote" should matter more, not less. "Type <https://cruxnow.com/commentary/2016/11/07/today-catholic-vote-matter-not-less/> into your browser and/or use the website kofc10441.org and find the Roundtable topic there . **PLEASE** contact Marty at marty.ronstadt@gmail.com and let him know you will attend and/or needs a copy.

Red Cross Blood Drive ~ Our next scheduled Blood Drive is January 15th from 7:30 to 12 noon, and we will be back in the St. Thomas Parish Hall. Our November Blood Drive was held in O'Leary Hall. A total of 33 pints were collected. A total of 13 walk-ins made this possible as sign-ups were as usual down because of church construction. Please sign up in the narthex of church. Our faithful workers at our November drive were: Lou Attinasi, Kamal Dimitri, Paul Federico, Randy Hannon, Lloyd LaComb, and Alex Wright. Please sign-up to volunteer to assist at the front desk or at the canteen, and while there donate a pint of the precious lifesaving commodity.

Pancake Breakfast ~ Lloyd LaComb, our Pancake Breakfast Chairman says that it felt good to be back in the Parish Hall and to have a little room to move around. Our next breakfast will take place on January 8th to coincide with the children's Mass. We had some familiar faces participating in the December breakfast that had not been able to make it up to O'Leary hall. Our dutiful Knights helping support the December breakfast included Ray Bruns, Charlie Farnsworth, Bob Gonzalez, Ron Gretka, Randy Hannon, Joe Kasper, Jeff Kennedy, Lloyd LaComb, Larry Lewis, James & Linda McKearney (and granddaughters on clean-up), GK Alan Reith, Larry Rylance, Frank Vasquez, and Jeff Vrabel. We welcome any Knights who wish to volunteer to help serve after the 7:30 and 9 AM masses on Pancake Breakfast Sundays. Please contact Lloyd LaComb llacomb456@comcast.net to volunteer.

Mass & Dinner with the Bishop ~ The 13th Annual Mass and Dinner with the Bishop Sunday January 15, 2017 will be held at the Skyline Country Club. The Mass will begin at 4 p.m., followed by a no-host Social Hour at 5 PM, then dinner to follow. Join us for the annual event held to recognize and support the Priests' Retirement Fund and seminary education.

IN MEMORIAM ~ As Brother Knights we have seen Kelly Bequette's obituary, attended his funeral, or prayed at our Knights' gatherings. Kelly's death seems to linger probably because it was so tragic. Maybe it is also because he was only 58 with so many years yet to live. He touched many through his activities at church, through the Knights, his real estate work, and his community volunteering. He was very kind in finding a way to deal with people and with conflicts. He also was a great person to discuss issues with. He was always going out of his way to help someone, almost anyone, any time, almost to a fault. This I know for sure, because I was one of the recipient's. **Marty Ronstadt**

Prayers for the Sick & Distressed

Sandy Arlt
Johanna Bovo
Joannie Byrum
Rudy Contreras
Deb Crawford
Miki Davis
Luis Nuñez Diaz
Bernice Donahue
Clyde & Harry Fujimoto
Doris Goshy
Mary Green
Reb Guillot
William Guyere
Marissa Holmberg
Joan Lang & BK Sid Lang,
Steven Linzy
Carolyn & Donald Mallonee III,
Grace & Walt McCulloch,
Bernard Mohr
T.J. Mohr
Brother Knight T.K. Mohr
Carol Moriarity
Elena Navarette
BK Richard Newcomb
BK Jim Neihart & Jo Neihart
Patrick O'Malley
Dorothy Pekarcik
Elizabeth Pemberton
Annette Perini
Josephine Perrelli
BK Mike Quigley
Molly Ramsower
Barbara Reith
Babs Ronstadt & Brother SK Marty Ronstadt
Michael Ronstadt



John and Carol Habra are the Council #10441 Family of the Month for December 2016. John and Carol are a very giving couple and always support our council activities, notably by attending all our fund-raising events, and donating raffle items. John always helps during the PWID drive. Carol is in charge of the "Quilt & Toy Ministry" at St. Thomas.



Christmas toys that were brought to the Council 10441 Christmas party were delivered the following day to the K of C Council 14139 at Santa Cruz Church. Pictured (from l to r) GK Allan Reith, Council #14139 DGK Oscar Patino, and PGK Patrick McMahon). Thank you, Knights!

Ray Bruns is presented with his Knight of the Month certificate for November 2016 by GK Allan Reith. Ray has been a Knight for 60 years.





MERRY CHRISTMAS, KELLY

BY
DEACON ED SHEFFER

Last month, our dear friend and brother Knight, Kelly Bequette, passed from this world into the arms of Christ. His passing brings with it conflicting emotions. There is heartache, which comes from the absence of experiencing his physical warmth, giving nature, smiling face, and loving presence. There is joy, which comes from knowing his destiny (like ours) was always moving toward intimate oneness with God for all eternity. Kelly's advance to God has not decreased my personal joy of the impending Christmas and I haven't allowed missing seeing him hinder my pursuit of God this Advent. Rather it has prompted me to be more reflective and has made me more willing to contemplate and be open to higher levels of awareness.

When we begin to see someone in the context of God, we can see much better the real beauty of that person. I think too often we focus so much on the world that we miss out on the deeper meaning and joy of human life. One of the great tragedies of humanity rests in the refusal to love much more deeply and to be committed to attaining this love. One of the things I will always treasure about Kelly was the authentic love he showed to so many. If you look closely at the Gospels you will see that many of Jesus' parables deal with the refusal of humankind to grow and love more. Jesus' message is to seek perfect love and real love has no meaning without action. Not that love consists in action, as many people like to say is what Jesus designated. What Jesus meant is that love demonstrates itself in deed rather than words. Love is sharing who one is and what one has to share. Why love more, because as John says: *God is love* (1 John 4:8). What Jesus revealed in his every word and action is that when one doesn't really love God first and foremost they can't love themselves more, and they won't be able to love others much more deeply. It is when one senses God's love that one begins to find their real value. When a person accepts they are less than perfect at loving, they can be open to grow in what Jesus revealed it means to be fully human.

As one who deals in ministry every day of my life, I realize that we can begin to think that our greatest value rests in what we can do to make our parish or our specific organizations better. Far and away the greatest thing you, I, or anyone can ever do is to truly believe in the love God has for each of us. The potential game changer is if and when someone can accept this. You see, we are told: *This is the work of God; that you believe in him who he has sent* (John 6:29). Jesus Christ is the Incarnation of the Father's love. Jesus is love. Christ reveals unconditional love and God is the author of love!

There are many things that can be loved, but we need to understand that even the beautiful love we have for those people closest to us falls woefully short if our primary commitment in life is not to love God. The deeper sense of love rests in not loving others so much for their sake but for the creator of all – *You shall love the Lord, Your God with all your heart, and with all your being, and with all your strength* (Deuteronomy 6:5). This is not something we just set out to do. It is something we must feel in our very core, we don't produce this; we must receive it. It is a gift from God, not for God's sake, but for ours; for we are created to be moving toward an intimate union with God for all eternity.

Once again, we have entered into a new liturgical year and we are in a time of preparation to receive – to receive the infant Jesus, to receive Christ in the Eucharist, to receive him at his final coming on the day we stand before Christ. Leaning to love more like Christ will be the résumé of our life. Thank you Kelly! Merry Christmas, and welcome home to the fullness of love!



Prayers for the Sick & Distressed (continued)

Monsignor Al Schifano

Colleen Sheppard

Matthew Skertic

BK William Skieresz

Richard Tangeman

Reverend Joseph Terra

Jackie Vasquez

Theresa Vassallo

Steve Villaescusa

BK Bob Wenzel

Mike Whitman

Pray for the Repose of the Souls of ~

Charles Armijo

Loretto Baiocchi

Janet Baker

BK Kelly Bequette

Don Convery

Ralph DeMartino

Lucielle Diaz

Brian Downes

Angela Javella

BK Robert Leach

Jeanne Perry

Edmundo F. Ruiz

Hilda Smith

Joe Theobald

Shirley Weiser

~ FIELD AGENT ~

Update Your Beneficiaries

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take, for example, the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it may very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your policies should be updated to reflect your spouse as beneficiary. Maybe you've had children since, who are not named on the policies.

Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary, an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually if the original beneficiary predeceases the insured.

I routinely call all my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – that is, the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family's needs.

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~ CHAPLAIN'S CORNER ~ FR. CHRIS CORBALLY

“That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.”

- The Evangelization Intention of Pope Francis for December.

When we pray for this heartfelt intention of Pope Francis, we can apply it to the United States as well as Europe. The Gospel is getting equally submerged under secularism in this country. Just think how Knights, with others, are working to “Bring Christ back into Christmas.”

The lead up to Christmas is a busy time for us, so we may need help to fit prayer into our lives. Try heading to <https://clicktopray.org/en/> and click on “Daily Prayers.” At this website, there are short prayers for morning, afternoon, and evening. They end with an Our Father.

If you find these prayers helpful, there is even an App you can download onto your smartphone. Perhaps we have a New Year’s resolution here: to use “Click to Pray” daily!

May the feast of Christmas bring you and your loved ones abundant blessings, which will continue in the New Year.

Chris Corbally, SJ

DECEMBER 2016

Date	Day	Event
18	Sunday	K of C Coffee & Doughnuts 7:30-10:30AM Parish Hall
25	Sunday	Christmas ... for unto you this day ... is born a Savior

JANUARY 2017

Date	Day	Event
7	Saturday	4th Degree Exemplification Doubletree Hotel, Tucson
7	Saturday	Roundtable Discussion 8:30-10:AM Parish Library
8	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast Parish Hall 7:30AM- 10:30AM
9	Monday	Chief Judge John Roll Chapter Meeting @ Holy Family Church 7:00PM
12	Thursday	Council #10441 Meeting 7:00PM (Officers meet @6:30PM)
15	Sunday	Blood Drive Parish Hall 7:30AM - Noon
15	Sunday	State Raffle Tickets Courtyard after Masses
15	Sunday	Mass & Dinner with the Bishop Skyline CC 4PM Mass
19	Thursday	Assembly 2392 Meeting 7:00 PM (Officers meet @ 6:30PM)
22	Sunday	State Raffle Tickets Courtyard after Masses
28	Saturday	K of C Free-throw Contest 8 am Church Parking lot
29	Sunday	K of C Coffee & Doughnuts 7:30-10:30AM

FEBRUARY 2017

Date	Day	Event
4	Saturday	Roundtable Discussion 8:30-10:AM
5	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast Parish Hall 7:30AM- 10:30AM
5	Sunday	State Raffle Tickets Courtyard after Masses
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Knight of the Month

Larry Lewis is our Knight of the Month for December 2016. Larry is a constant contributor to the success of our council as our Financial Secretary, and as the "go-to-guy" for coordinating all our signs for fund-raisers, program ads, and printing formal pamphlets. He brilliantly managed our council's participation in this year's Jim Click Mustang Raffle. This followed his own brilliant suggestion, and allowed our council to far exceed our budget needs for the fiscal year. Congrats, Larry!



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