

**St Pius X Council 10762**  
**Newsletter**



**KNIGHTS  
 OF COLUMBUS**  
 IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**GK Dutch Steenbakker**

**December 2015**

My worthy brother Knights,

Vicky and I wish you and your families a most blessed, safe and wonderful Catholic Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a time to celebrate your individual families and reflect on your place in our great faith as a Holy and loving Christian family.

It is also a time to look beyond ourselves and follow the path laid out by our Lord as exemplified by the tenets of our organization, “Charity, Unity, and Fraternity”.

These tenets are what distinguishes the Knights of Columbus and were selected specifically to insure a greater purpose by the venerable Father Michael McGivney.

These tenets were practiced in varying, individual degrees by all those who were a part of the birth of the baby Jesus. It was demonstrated by the shepherds and the wise men with the example set by Joseph and Mary of what a family should be.

Let us live our faith by following the example set by the Holy Family in all inter actions with our families. Within our individual means, show your Charity by



sharing the bounty that God has given us with those less fortunate in our Parish community and our community as a whole. Work for the Glory of God in Unity with your family and Brother Knights, because Unity will give us strength and purpose. Mingle with your brothers in Fraternity thereby showing strength of having a common purpose, interest and enjoyment.

This month your Council has sponsored several important social events which will help set the mood for the Christmas season. Join your brother Knights at our monthly social breakfast on Wednesday, December 2, 2015. I also encourage you and your family to join us at “Breakfast with Santa” on Sunday, December 6, 2015 and the Council “Christmas Social” on Friday, December 18, 2015.

As this year approaches its inevitable end, I thank all of you for your cherished gifts of friendship, brotherly love, dedication and hard work. You are truly my brother Knights. God bless all of you and your families. Vivat Jesus.

Your fraternal brother in Christ,

Emmanuel M. “Dutch” Steenbakker, Grand Knight

Meeting / Event	Date	Time	Location
Council Breakfast	1st Wednesday of every month	9:15 AM after morning Mass	Happy Rooster, 1114 S Sarnoff Dr, Tucson, AZ 85710
1st Degree or Degree Team Practice (Candidates report at 7:00 P.M.)	1st Thursday of every month	7:30 P.M.	Hopi Hall - St Pius
Business Meeting	2nd Thursday of every month	7:30 P.M.	Hopi Hall - St Pius
<b>Officer Meeting</b> Business Meeting	4th Thursday of every month	<b>6:30 P.M.</b> 7:30 P.M.	<b>Kino Room - St Pius</b> Hopi Hall - St Pius
Council Family Potluck Social	5th Thursday of the month	6:00 P.M. 9:00 P.M.	Tanque Verde Room - St Pius



## Our Guarantees Set Us Apart

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. That’s peace of mind, and that’s what we offer with every product in our portfolio.

- We guarantee the cash value in your whole life policies will be there.
- We guarantee the rates on your term insurance.
- We guarantee our retirement products will provide a stream of income when you need it.

On top of those product guarantees, I guarantee that I will offer professional, high-quality service that you would expect from our organization.

Our Order is among the highest rated life insurers in North America. AM Best has rated the Knights of Columbus “A++, Superior” for 39 consecutive years. It’s a testament to our track record for excellence and security.

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney by providing life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our organization. We pledge to serve our brother Knights, and their families, according to our Golden Rule: “In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.”

Let’s talk soon to discuss how our products can bring that peace of mind to you and your family.

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## Birthdays

Jason C Murray .....	1206
Raul A Miranda .....	1209
David D Arens.....	1211
Joseph F Cisek .....	1213
Richard A Bonet .....	1216
Richard E Macgregor .....	1216
Nicholas C Romano.....	1220
Efreim John Morales .....	1222
Alfonso Velosa III.....	1222
Fred C Falgiano .....	1223
Richard H Goddard.....	1223
James S Nicklaus.....	1226
John G Walker .....	1226
Arthur J Grotto.....	1229

## 2015 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

Over the last 10 years, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$1.5 billion to charitable and benevolent causes and more than 682 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate.

To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the 2015 Survey of Fraternal Activity Individual Worksheet and return it at our next meeting or email it to [FinSec@KofCTucson.org](mailto:FinSec@KofCTucson.org).

You can find the form on our web site Forms link and a copy will be emailed to all members having an email address. When completing the form, separate council activities from your assembly activities. You should include any activities in any of the categories you personally did, even if it was not a Knights of Columbus organized activity - e.g. church ministries like lector or Eucharistic minister, community activities like Big Brothers, Little League. However do not include activities for which you were paid; include only your volunteer services.

This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members and is vital to maintaining our non-profit status under IRS rules. **Our report is due at the end of January so please return your forms by January 22.**





## **Special Olympics 2015 Breakfast of Champions**

The 3rd annual Southern Arizona Breakfast With Champions was held at the Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa in Tucson, Arizona.

The Knights are represented by (left to right) Ken Gallagher, Joe Gulotta, Emmanuel (Dutch) Steenbakker, Joe Flocco, Fred Falgiano and Fran Flocco. There were just under 700 people in attendance.

## **2105 Special Olympics Bowling**



The Special Olympics Bowling event on November 12-14th was a huge success and as usual our St Pius X Council and family was there to help. We had 13 volunteers totaling 70 hours to assist in this event.



Volunteers in the bowling event from Left to Right: PGK Joe Gulotta, PGK Joe Keaney, Joe Flocco, Will Everett, Gayla Everett and Fred Falgiano

### **They include:**

**Joe Gulotta, Joe Keaney, Chris Carney, Katherine Carney, Will Everett, Gayla Everett, Jim Nicklaus, Randi Williams, Joe Flocco, Fran Flocco, Maria Sova, Ron Blanchard and I extend a very special thanks to them all.**

As so fitting to the drama of this type of event, one of our own knights, Cole Smith (picture on left) was there as an athlete with his amazing assistant on the final day of the tournament. Even more special for me was that I was lucky enough to be the scorer for this event as I watched Cole pass all the other athletes in his group to be the recipient of the Gold medal with a score in the 170's if I recall.

The one thing I always bring away from these events, including this one is numbers and scores don't count. It is how well you compete and the importance of sportsmanship which make them all winners.

I invite those who have not volunteered in the Special Olympics to do so and get a first hand view of an experience of a lifetime. There will be more events coming so keep an eye out and sign up. Thanks again to those who did!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Vivat Jesus,  
Fred**



## Christmas Social

The Annual Council Christmas Social will be held Friday, December 18 from 6 PM to 9 PM in the St Pius X Tanque Verde Room.

- Catered Menu: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, vegetables, cranberry, homemade bread, and pumpkin pie.
- Potluck Extras: Ham, Christmas side dishes, salads, deserts, misc. relishes, pickles, etc. and drinks.
- Voluntary gift Exchange: \$10 or less, wrapped for participation in "Steal-a-Gift."
- Christmas Music and sing-a-long.

We will need volunteers to help decorate (3 PM), serve, clean-up, conduct gift exchange, and music.

What to wear: Men can wear RED SHIRTS, or favorite Christmas Sweater. Ladies, wear Christmas "Best" or whatever.

## Service Anniversaries

**5 Year**

**Mario R. Somoza**



## Prayer INTENTIONS

### A Prayer for Healing...

Dear God,  
we place our worries in Your hands.  
We place our sick in Your care  
and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health  
again.  
Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy  
will and know that whatever You do,  
You do for the love of us. Amen.



Bishop Kicanas welcomed about 300 Catholic Men at the Diocese of Tucson, Catholic Men's Conference held on November 21st. Guest speakers, golf-pro Chip Beck and Family Psychologist Dr. Ray Guarendi shared their wit and energized our spirit in our faith.

In the picture above from left to right are DG Grant Pieper, Bishop Kicanas, GK Dutch Steenbakker and PGK Ron Blanchard, just a few from our council that attended.





## December

### Dec 2 - Council Fraternal Breakfast

### Dec 5 - Breakfast With Santa Setup

Contact PGK Gulotta at 396-3070 for details. Arizona Room will be decorated (Saturday) at 11 AM.

### Dec 6 - Breakfast With Santa

The kids love this! Once again this year Santa will be visiting St Pius and listening to what the kids would like under the tree or in their stocking. Come join in the fun and lend a hand helping with whatever is needed.

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### Dec 24 - Christmas Eve (No Meeting!)

### Dec 25 - Christmas

### Dec 31 - New Year's Eve Dance (Cancelled)

The New Year's Eve dance has been canceled. We received generally negative feedback from our request for input in last month's newsletter and felt the lack of interest didn't warrant the effort to stage the event. We thank everyone for their input.

## January 2016

### Jan 3 - Community Breakfast and Blood Drive

### Jan 3 - 2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplification

The Formation (Second) and Knighthood (Third) Degrees will be exemplified at Tucson Council 1200, 601 S. Tucson Blvd. Registration begins at 9:00 am and the degrees start at 10:00 am and will be done by 1:30 when a lunch will be served. We can car pool from St. Pius after the 7:15 Mass is over. Contact Pete Karculias 520-261-0762 or SKPETER@COX.NET if you will car pool with us. There is no cost to candidates.

If you complete these Degrees on Jan 3, you will be eligible to advance to the Fourth Degree, the Patriotic Degree, on Saturday January 9 (see below). We can complete your registration forms for that degree now and it will be on hold for you. Contact Pete Karculias if you would like to do this.

### Jan 9 - Exemplification of the 4th Degree

Exemplification of the Fourth Degree at the Doubletree Hotel at Reid Park, 446 S. Alvernon Way. All Third Degree members are eligible to advance to the highest degree of the Order and become Sir Knights. There will be a welcome social on Friday Jan 8 at Tucson Co. 1200 hall. On Saturday, events begin with Registration 8:00 – 10:30. There is a Ladies Luncheon and program at 11:30 am. After the Exemplification, we will have Mass at 4 PM, followed by a cocktail social and the traditional evening banquet. The Class Honoree will be Armand Martin Ronstadt. More details and photos and a video "Why Join the Fourth Degree" can be seen at <https://4thdegreeexemplificationtucson.shutterfly.com/>. Contact Pete Karculias if you would like to take this opportunity to advance.

### Jan 16 - Right to Life Mass and March

9 AM Mass at St. Augustine Cathedral, 10 AM March from St. Augustine Cathedral Parking Lot to Holy Hope Cemetery, Oracle Rd. Rose ceremony at 12:30 at Cemetery. Please plan to attend one of the services if you cannot make the walk. Be sure to wear your red shirt!

### Jan 29 - International Dinner

This year's dinner recognizing new members that those that brought them into the council will be held in the Tanque Verde Room at St Pius. Cost and time of the dinner will be provided in the January Newsletter.

### Jan 30 - Council Free Throw Contest

Winners of the Free Throw Contest will go on to compete in the District Free Throw Contest. Details will be in the January Newsletter.

### Jan 31 - Special Olympics Basketball Competition

Volunteers may be requested. Fred will keep you posted on additional information. Watch for email and information in the January Newsletter.



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[www.kofctucson.org](http://www.kofctucson.org)



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