

St Pius X Council 10762 Newsletter



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

GK Tony Pennisi

May 2019

My Brothers,

Their names were Alphius, Philadelphus, and Cyrinus. Born circa 230 AD, the brothers were raised in the Christian Faith. They were also members of the Roman family, the Elite. Daily they studied their Faith and Prayed.

In the year 250 AD, the Emperor issued an edict demanding that all Christians renounce their Faith and demonstrate allegiance to the State by worshiping him and the Roman gods. Failure to obey the edict was considered treason, punishable by death.

The brothers refused.

Because they were members of a highly regarded family, the authorities hoped to convince them or force them into a public renunciation of their Faith so that others would follow. The brothers were promised high positions within the Roman Government, money and power. The brothers continued to refuse. Their refusal combined with their family ties, represented the ultimate treason and insult to the Roman authorities.

The brothers were sent to Sicily to a young Roman patriot named Tertullus, who had gained fame for ruthless interrogation and torture of Christians. The brothers landed in Messina on August 25, 252 AD.



They were marched from there to Taormina with a heavy beam strapped to their shoulders. Along with them were forty soldiers who were considered the best of the Roman soldiers. The soldiers had one simple order, beat these brothers into submission.

Beat them they did; they cut their hair and threw boiling tar at their faces. They beat them to the point of death. The brothers stood firm in their Faith.

As they were beaten, the brothers responded with Prayer. Their Prayers were answered with miracles. The beam was removed and thrown into the Mediterranean Sea; their young faces and hair restored. All forty soldiers fell to the ground in fear. The brothers responded with love for their enemies.

As they traveled, the beatings continued. The intense suffering of the brothers and their refusal to give in to the power of the Roman authorities inspired more people to convert to Christianity.

As the beatings continued, the Faith of the brothers continued to restore them in health and strength. Twenty of the forty soldiers threw their swords down and asked to be baptized. Ultimately, these twenty new converts were beheaded.

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Meeting / Event	Date	Time	Location
Council Fraternal Breakfast	1st Wednesday of every month	9:15 AM after morning Mass	POCO & MOM'S Cantina, 7000 E Tanque Verde, 85715
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
Officer Meeting Business Meeting	2nd Thursday of every month	6:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M.	Kino Room - St Pius Hopi Hall - St Pius
Business Meeting	4th Thursday	7:30 P.M.	Hopi Hall - St Pius
Council Family Social	5th Thursday of the month	6:00 P.M. 9:00 P.M.	Tanque Verde Room - St Pius

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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.

**William Bookken
Tom Cormier
Tom Eagan
Michael Everett
Will Everett
Eva Fieldhouse
Betty Gludt
Joan Keaney
Deacon Felix Maguire
Ed Marsh
Jo Maurice
Pat Maurice
John De Noguean
Ralph De Noguean
Bob Palomino
Steve Pieper
Nick Romano**

WANT YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD LAMINATED?

If you would like to have your membership card laminated, just let us know at a council meeting. We have access to a laminating machine and the proper laminating pouches. If you have lost or destroyed your card (they don't do well in the laundry if they are not laminated) let Financial Secretary Pete Karculias know and we will get you a replacement.



Birthdays

John T Farrell	0503
Christopher J Ortiz.....	0504
Julius V Moeykens	0507
Emmanuel M Steenbakker	0508
Lawrence J Hannappel	0509
Ronald L Krueger	0509
Raymond F Skoda	0510
Jose M Garcia	0512
Neil J Lemme.....	0520
Francisco J Melero	0520
Wesley W Gallop	0522
Joseph R Flocco	0527
Matthew J Angiulo	0528
Anthony J Mastrangelo	0529
Stephen T Spicker.....	0529

Service Anniversaries

20 Years

**John M Belobraydic
Thomas J Frederick
Anthony J D'Auria**

State Charity Raffle Tickets

Please purchase your State Charity Raffle tickets as soon as possible. If you need more tickets, Grand Knight Tony Pennisi has them. We need all stubs and money turned in by Mother's Day. Please turn in only the small stubs and keep the large portion.



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Tertullus tried many means of promising the brothers fame and fortune, then torture, all to no avail. The Faith the brothers shared was more powerful than the Roman authorities.

On May 10, 253 the brothers refused for the last time to renounce their Faith. Tortullus ordered Alphius be bound to a post and his tongue removed. Alphius's final words were "Although you, wicked man, will deprive me of the means and organ of speech, nevertheless, even without a tongue I shall not cease to give praise to my Maker". With sharp hooks, the executioners ripped out the tongue of Alphius; he was 22 years old. Philadelphus, at 21, was put unto a grid iron and roasted alive. Cyrinus, at 19 was thrown into a large basin of boiling oil. The Brothers died as they lived. They died in Love of God and each other.

Their story does not end here. Over the centuries many miracles have been attributed to their intercession. For over 500 years, feasts in honor of the Faith and Love of these brothers are celebrated in May in Catania and Lentini Italy. When the Italian immigrants came to Lawrence, Massachusetts, my grandparents amongst them, they took this rich tradition with them. Every Labor Day week end, streets in the Italian neighborhood are filled with people of many nationalities celebrating the Faith and Love of these three young men, and Love of our families. It has been estimated that over the weekend 50,000 folks enjoy food and the music of this rich tradition. In 2023, we will celebrate 100 years.

On the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, amongst the snow of confetti, music, fireworks and the church bell we take the life size statues of the three brothers from the Church and parade them through the streets of the neighborhood. We honor their Faith.

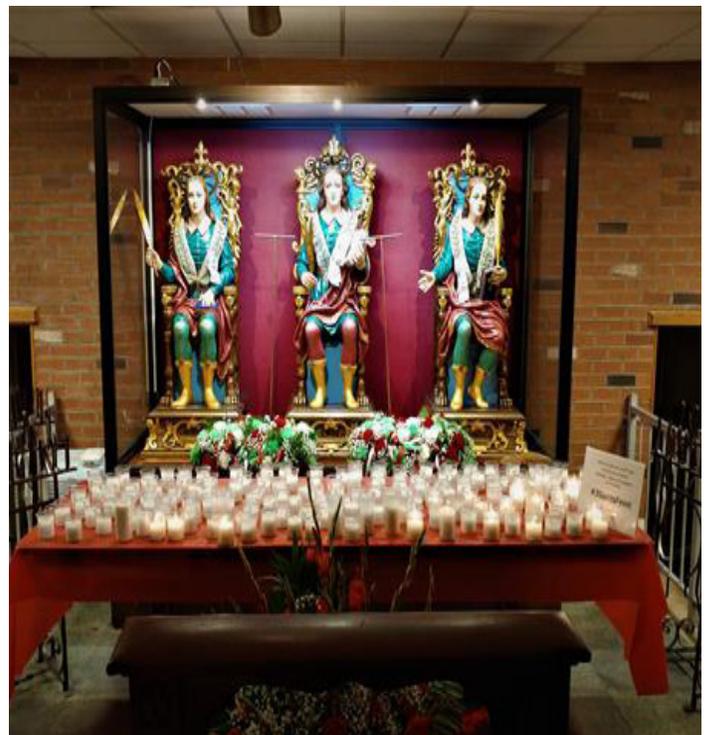
For many years, I have been honored to ring the Church bell. The bell, weighing several tons was installed in the 70 plus foot tower of the Church in 1906. To ring the bell requires much pull and rhythm to allow the weight of the bell to create a ring heard for miles. The bell is rung for about forty-five minutes when the saints leave the church and forty-five minutes when they return.

It gets very hot in the tower. Several years ago, a fellow member of the Society complained to the Council that the bell was too much for one aging man to ring. Now several men join me in this honor.

The Society maintains that we can do without the confetti, we can do without the bands and fireworks, but you cannot do without the bell. The bell calls the faithful to the Saints, the bell represents Christ knocking on the doors of our hearts.

This year, on Sunday, September 1st, at 3:00 PM Boston time, 12:00 PM Tucson time, please listen for the bell. I will be ringing it in Prayer and Faith for you, my Brothers and Your Loved Ones.

Con Vera Fede, (With true Faith),
Viva Jesus
Tony Pennisi, Grand Knight





Seminarians to be Ordained

Three seminarians we support through the Refund Support for Vocations Program (RSVP) will be ordained on June 1 at St. Augustine Cathedral, Bishop Edward Weisenburger presiding. They are:



Deacon Justin Agbir



Deacon Jesus Haros-Mendez



Deacon Peter John Pedrasa

They are completing their studies at Mundelein Seminary.

Council members are encouraged to attend the ordination Mass and show our support for these new priests.

Council Family Picnic!!! Udall Park, Ramada's 8 & 9 Saturday May 11 10 AM to 3 PM

Please help us make this a successful picnic again this year. It is one of those great family outings we get to share with our kids, grand kids, Knight family and friends. All Brother Knights, future Knights, and their families are invited to attend this fun event. There will be games for the young and old of all ages and plenty of food to go around.

The Council will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and water. You are asked to provide sides. Last names starting with the letters: A to G – Baked Beans and different Salads; H to Z – Desserts to share. IN ADDITION, YOU MIGHT BRING YOUR OWN SPECIAL SIDE DISH TO SHARE. 10-11 AM Gathering, 11-12:30 PM Hamburgers/Hot Dogs, 12:30-1 PM Bingo, 1-2 PM Children and Adult Games, 2-3 PM Chilling Out & Visiting. Bring picnic blankets, folding chairs, card tables, cooler with ice, and sun screen. Bring your own favorite drinks.

GLASS CONTAINERS ARE NOT ALLOWED. WE HAVE A BEER PERMIT, BUT YOU MUST SUPPLY YOUR OWN BEER.

So that we do not run out of food or buy too much, please RSVP to Dan Pinda at 298-6706 or email drpinda@q.com by May 9.



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Protecting Widows – A Founding Goal

As a member of this council, you know how important spouses can be to the charitable works of the Order. If you're married, your wife is probably involved in a few of the many events that happen each fraternal year. This support adds great value and impact to what a council can achieve.

When the Order was founded in 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney and the other brave men were setting out to protect Catholic families, but especially wives and children. Today, we remain committed to this mission by offering insurance products and fraternal benefits designed with that goal in mind. One specific policy rider that you may not know about is called Spousal Waiver of Premium. This rider is unique to the Knights of Columbus philosophy of helping our widows.

This rider is available on most permanent and Discoverer plans purchased at standard rates by a member and his wife on the same day. When both spouses apply, the rider provides for waiver of premiums on the spouse's contract in the event of the insured's death. Best of all, for members and spouses ages 18 to 60, this waiver can be added for no charge. The rider stays in effect until the spouse attains age 65 or certain other triggering events occur.

Our products are designed with your needs and budget in mind. With a solid portfolio of life insurance, long-term care, disability income and retirement products, the Knights of Columbus can help you meet all your financial goals. To learn more about these solutions, contact me today.

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 JOIN THE
KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
FOR
Breakfast

**DONATIONS
ACCEPTED**

**Last Community Breakfast
Until Fall!**

May 5th
**After 7:15 Mass
to 11:30 AM**

MENU

**WAFFLES
SAUSAGE
SCRAMBLED EGGS
HASH BROWNS
JUICE AND
COFFEE**



May

May 1 - Council Social Breakfast

May 3 - Polish Dinner Setup

Postponed until Fall

May 4 - Polish Dinner

Postponed until Fall

May 5 - Community Breakfast & Blood Drive

May 5 - Formation and Knighthood Degrees

Formation and Knighthood Degrees to be held in Chandler, AZ. See Pete Karculias or GK Tony Pennisi for details.

May 11 - Family Picnic

May 12 - Mother's Day

May 17 & 18 - Arizona State Convention

The Arizona State Convention is May 17-18 at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel in Phoenix

May 25 - Exemplification of the Fourth Degree

Exemplification will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle. Sign in begins at 7:30 AM and ends at 9:15. The ceremony is at 10:00 followed by a Mass and a BBQ brisket luncheon. See Pete Karculias if you would like to join the Fourth Degree.

May 27 - Memorial Day

Masses at Holy Hope and Our Lady of the Desert cemeteries

May 30 - Ascension of Jesus (Holy day of Obligation)

June

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Jun 5 - Council Social Breakfast

Jun 9 - Pentecost

Jun 14 - Flag Day

Jun 16 - Father's Day

Jun 22 - Formation & Knighthood Degrees

Formation and Knighthood Degrees in Vail hosted by St. Rita in the Desert Co. 14230, 13260 Colossal Cave Rd., Vail, AZ 85641. This is an excellent chance to complete your commitment to full Knighthood close to home. Sign in is from 9:00 – 9:45 and the Degree ceremonies start at 10:00 and should be done by 1:30. A light lunch will be served. Dress code is a collared shirt, slacks and shoes. Please, no shorts, t-shirts or sandals. You will need a valid First Degree membership card. We will have a car pool from the St. Pius parking lot leaving at 8:00 AM. If you plan to attend, please notify Financial Secretary Pete Karculias skpeter@cox.net or 520-975-7362. All council members are encouraged to attend, observe and support our candidates, especially if you have not observed the ceremonies for several years.

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