## Knights of Columbus Council 12877

#### OUR LADY OF THE DESERT COUNCIL IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH, SPARKS, NV



# Meeting Agenda Sequence

6:30-7:15 Social Gathering

Opening-Call to Order, Warden Report, Prayer, Pledge, Roll Call

*Approval of Minutes* 

Member Applications

Field Agent's Report

Chaplain's Report

Grand Knight's Report

Treasurer's Report

**Communications** 

Financial Secretary's Report

"Bills"

Chancellor's Report

Committee Reports

**Unfinished Business** 

New Business

Report of 4th Degree

District Deputy's Report

50/50 Drawing

The Good of the Order

Sick & In Distress

Adjournment

"Clean-up" & Post Social

### Upcoming-Tuesday Dec 4, 2018 Officers Meeting

WGK- Issues/Vision/Emphasis/Goals Parish Issues Past Activities Reports Future Activities/Events—Planning Recap Plan for General Meeting

Father-Son camping retreat?

K of C Spiritual Retreat: Jan 19th from 9:30-2:30 needs planning help / ideas

**Seminary Funds**: Raffle Sales Dec – May All Knights get 20 pack to start or buy

**Scholarship**: H.S.? College? multiple? \$?

**RCIA & Parish Ministries:** Engagement in Parish Life? What's up? Where can KofC help? Finance & Ldrshp. Committees

**Mentoring:** Member Retention, Recruiting call and car-pool with a fellow Knight

Parish Safety: Emergency Recall & Assistance for home bound & missing...

How to motivate Knights to participate???

Functions do we need to help with...???

ideas for Knights programs & stuff...

Parish Youth Retreat: K of C supports a

K of C Youth: Basketball Free Throw & Soccer Goals Competition may not go!!!

Why is this important?

De-escalation training TBD

**Right to Life:** Bus for WFL in Jan 2019

What Diocesan & Inter-Council/Parish

Contact WGK Roger with other issues and

Grand Knight	Roger Pechacek
Chaplain	Father Philip George
Deputy Grand Knight	Leo Carew, III
Chancellor	Neil Lewis
Warden	Cesar Calix-Pacheco
Inside Guard	Fernando Huizar
Outside Guard	Gary Thornton
Advocate	Gilles Tousignant
Recorder	Rocky Dominguez
Financial Secretary	Bill Sousa
Treasurer	Joe Allen
1st Year Trustee	Tom Ball
2nd Year Trustee	Dan Daily
3rd Year Trustee	Cliff Cooper
Lecturer	Mike Masterpool

Program Director	Tom Ball
Faith Director	Rocky Dominguez
Community Director	Michael Caudell
Life Director	Ray Matoza, Sr
Culture of Life Couple	Ray & Sandy Matoza
Membership Director	Leo Carew, III
Retention Director	Tom Ball
District Deputy 2	George Minter
State Deputy	Tom Thorn

#### Fall 2018

# **Upcoming Events**

Nov 17-18	KofC Turnovers
Nov 19	Parish Safety Train- ing <b>Postponed</b>
Nov 20	KofC 1st Degree
Nov 25	KofC Hospitality Service at masses
Nov 27	Sons of Italy Dinner
Dec 7-8	KofC State Mid-Year at ICC & Feast of Immac. Conception
Dec 11	KofC Business meeting
Dec 14	Council Christmas Party @ Baldini's
Dec 15	Assembly Christmas Party @ Louie's
Dec 21	KofC– Reconcile nite Dinner For Priests
Jan 2	KofC Officer mtg
Jan 5	Diocesan Confer- ence
Jan 8	KofC Business mtg
Jan 15	KofC 1st Degree
Jan 19-20	KofC Turnovers
Jan 19	K of C retreat for Family Strength
Jan 26	Right to Life Walk San Francisco

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Brother Knights... over the past few months I have been so impressed with the generosity and sense of service of so many of our Knights. I have enjoyed recognizing and awarding so many of our fellow parishioners with accolades from the Knights. We

### **Grand Knight's Thoughts**

have a very dynamic and changing community. There are so many events, activities, special feasts and celebrations besides the daily masses, funerals, baptisms, CCD and education programs, choir rehearsals and practices etc... There are many times I would like to just stand on the sidelines and watch as things go on and by... be entertained as a "spectator". But, you know that Christ charged us as a church to stay involved; to educate and evangelize; and to spread a Christ like demeanor... " do as I do". So, I

can't just sit around and show up at church for just my "obligation". I, like you need to be an active participant, a player in this life. To live, enjoy and struggle and persevere through the challenges... to constantly try to positively impact my neighbor with love.

As a Knight of Columbus I am called to a higher level of service, charity, brotherhood and leadership through example and character. I, like you must find ways to better, actively serve my fellow parishioner, my community, my country... My God. As good cath-

olic gentlemen, I call on you to continue to serve, to enjoy and cherish each day, to be happy in service for others sake. For we are men of Christ. We know not what tomorrow will bring; but, we charge- on today with the prayer and hope that we may continue to make a difference and be a positive contributor to the progression of Christ like behavior in our world. Call your fellow Knight, get to know him, invite him and share our common journey...Let's continue to serve our community together. Vivat Jesus, Roger Pechacek

### EDITORIAL.... How to make Knights Events & Business meetings more fun?

What can we do to make our Knights events, activities and meetings more fun? Let's talk about this and let's do stuff to make us more appealing and helpful to all Families, Friends, youths, seniors and prime age adults....

This is a fraternal service organization with a mission/purpose of helping members, fellow parishioners and our neighbors at large.

Maybe we just need to remember that our example is the most powerful influencer we have. Let's be on time, prepared, enthusiastic, charitable and pleasant in service to one another and our neighbors.

For our meetings why don't we institute a social time before & after to sign-in, greet, eat & drink as well as talk up issues?

Instead of reading & reciting financials ...Put it in a report and address questions.

Can we do the same with up -coming events & address only questions & difficulties. Reduce the amount of ego stroking of I, me and how great I

was...stick to what you have to offer and let the group and individuals decide on what to do.... We the officers need to be most cognizant of how precious time is... deliver info clearly, concisely, quickly and to a conclusion.

For our events maybe we need to add music or games or activities to appeal to families with kids of varying ages. But we need to include this in planning, manning and responsible supervision. We could award prizes like bingo for game winners.

And we definitely need to get other ministries involved in putting on Knights events and "vice-a-versa" so that all our Parish events are more community events. Can we vary the menus and really work to develop depth and competition in putting on some great and ever improving events?

Well, these are some thoughts; but, I know you have others... come to the meetings and share your ideas...

Editor BK Mike Masterpool

## Chaplain's Corner....



As we approach the start of the new Liturgical year (Dec. 2, 2018) and the Advent season we need to reflect on our many accomplishments and contributions over the past year. Thank God for our many blessings individually, as a Parish and as a community nation.

Let us look forward with hope,

prayers and determined resolve to keep Christ in Christmas, support the growth, development and change in our Parish community and work to love & support our brothers & neighbors.

We as Knights are leaders and our example will foster a positive quality of life in our Parish. Thank you Knights for your tremendous leadership and support. Vivat Jesus, Fr. Philip George



## IT'S GREAT TO SEE KNIGHTS ENJOYING STUFF TOGETHER











Turkey Bingo Dinner

2018 Fall Festival









K of C Turnovers — A Parish Favorite

### **Parish Safety Committee**

Over the past month our Parish has experienced a number of serious safety incidents. We have had some trips and falls in the parking lot both in daylight and at night. Some accidents inside the church & FFB. We have had power outages, theft & vandalism. We have discovered vulnerability in security of our buildings & grounds. We have recognized our un-

preparedness for simple as well as gross emergencies whether natural, man-made or mechanical. We, our Parish, is a community of volunteers with a minimal "paid" staff for programs, administration, CCD and custodial service. We need an active, well manned safety Committee to coordinate community plans, procedures & training. It is up to we parishioners to

ensure a safe & prepared community for emergencies. As Knights you are perfect candidates for this worthwhile service ministry. We need you! for participation at mass and/or events.

Please come get engaged and contact fellow Knight & CmteeChair Chuck Baker... icsafetyministry@gmail.com 544-5304



Parish Safety Team and Committee Insignia



### **VIVAT JESUS!**

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Throughout this fall season, our Council has recognized several of our fellow Knights for their individual, extraordinary contributions to our Council, Parish, and community. In September, Leo Carew, III, in October, Ray Matoza, and in November, Francis Balleweg. These men, like all of you, give generously and are wonderful examples for our fellow citizens. There are many ways to which we can contribute our talents, treasures, time, and energy. We are looking forward to the State's K of C Mid-Year Consortium and Immaculate Conception Feast Celebration all happening at our Parish on December 8-10th. Coming up in January, we can look forward to our first Spiritual Retreat on Jan. 19th, as well as turnovers that weekend.





MEETING NOTES & QUESTIONS	