

St Pius X Council 10762 Newsletter



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

GK Dutch Steenbakker

March 2015

My worthy brother Knights,

This month let us reflect on what it means to be a Patriotic American. As Catholics came to the United States and as the Knights of Columbus was formed, they made a decision to assimilate into this great country by choosing to defend and protect it, even with their lives. Catholics and the Knights of Columbus were not always welcomed or even wanted. But in great numbers we were determined to show our patriotism and love for this country by volunteering for the military, working in law enforcement, and as fire fighters. We as Catholic gentlemen and Knights become ever more important as the fabric of our country and the strong edifice of our Church is torn and buffeted by demonstrations and events now transpiring throughout our land.



American war.

At first, our seamen proved better than the British. After we won a battle on Lake Erie in 1813, the American commander, Oliver Hazard Perry, sent the message "We have met the enemy and they are ours." However, the weight of the British navy beat down our ships eventually. New England, hard hit by a tightening blockade, threatened secession.

Meanwhile, Napoleon was beaten in Russia and in 1814 was forced to abdicate. Great Britain now turned all its attention to the United States, launching a three-pronged attack. The northern prong was to come down Lake Champlain toward New York and seizing parts of New

England. The southern prong was to go up the Mississippi, take New Orleans and paralyze the west. The central prong was to head for the mid-Atlantic states and then attack Baltimore, the greatest port south of New York. If Baltimore was taken, the nation, which still hugged the Atlantic coast, could be split in two. The fate of the United States, then, rested to a large extent on the success or failure of the central prong.

Besides the faith we all hold, the two symbols that united us all as a people of this great nation, are the visible flag of our country; the red, white and blue, and the oral Star Spangled Banner. I give credit for the ensuing interpretation on how our National Anthem came to be written to Isaac Asimov and to its author, Francis Scott Key.

The words of our National Anthem are difficult and the tune almost Impossible. In 1812, the United States went to war with Great Britain, primarily over freedom of the seas. We were in the right. For two years we held of the British, even though we were still a rather weak country. Great Britain was in a life and death struggle with Napoleon. In fact, just as the United States declared war, Napoleon marched off to invade Russia. I he won, as everyone expected, he would control Europe, and Great Britain would be isolated. It was no time for her to be involved in an

On August 24, 1814, the British took Washington D.C. and then moved up the Chesapeake Bay toward Baltimore. On that fateful day of September 12, 1814, they arrived and found 1000 men in Fort McHenry, whose guns controlled the harbor. If the British wished to take Baltimore, they would have to take the fort.

On one of the British ships was an aged physician, William Beanes, who had been arrested by the British in Maryland. His friend, Francis Scott Key, a lawyer, had come to the ship to negotiate his release. The British captain was willing but the two Americans

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Meeting / Event	Date	Time	Location
Council Breakfast	1st Wednesday of every month	9:30 AM after morning Mass	Biscuits Café, 7026 E. Broadway, south side of Gaslight parking lot
1st Degree or Degree Team Practice (Candidates report at 7:00 P.M.)	1st Thursday of every month	7:30 P.M.	Hopi Room - St Pius
Business Meeting	2nd Thursday of every month	7:30 P.M.	Hopi Room - St Pius
Officer Meeting Business Meeting	4th Thursday of every month	6:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M.	Kino Room - St Pius Hopi Room - St Pius
Council Family Potluck Social	5th Thursday of the month	6:00 P.M. 9:00 P.M.	Tanque Verde Room - St Pius



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 of your financial goals.

To learn more about these solutions, contact me today.

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Birthdays

- Ronald T Blanchard..... 0301
- Edward G McGillivray..... 0302
- Maurice L Ouimet..... 0303
- Ronald A Gludt 0304
- Stephen P Labombard..... 0306
- Mark A Cale 0307
- Rev Gerald C Miriani 0307
- James E Critchley..... 0308
- Deacon Dennis S Ranke 0308
- James R Moriset..... 0310
- Michael J Karczynski..... 0315
- Patrick E Brena 0317
- Christian V Escalante..... 0318
- Brian A Landry 0320
- Thomas J Mc Greevy..... 0320
- Filemon G Saldivar 0321
- Edward W Marsh..... 0322
- Paul V Amanti 0324
- Rev Gregory Okafor..... 0330

**RECOGNIZING YOUR
 YEARS OF SERVICE**

15 Years

**Carl Dasse
 Richard Reiners
 Stephen Spicker**

5 Years

Christopher Ortiz

RON BLANCHARD CAN USE YOUR HELP!

Ron will be selling raffle tickets outside all Masses in March and April and can use help manning the doors. See Ron before your Mass to see how you can help. It will be greatly appreciated.



Orange Harvest

January 31 several of the Knights in our council and many others from other councils helped the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration at the Tucson Monastery on Country Club bring in their orange harvest.

Despite the rain, 32 gallons of orange juice was produced from the first weekend work group.

Because of the rain the orange harvest was continued the following week.

Our thanks to all that showed to help.



Our Fraternal Activity

During 2014 here is what the Knights of St. Pius X Co. 10762 accomplished

We reported over 5,877 hours of volunteer service distributed as follows:

Church Service	1,787
Community Service	2,173
Youth Service	96
Habitat for Humanity	92
Culture of Life	49
Food For Families	40
Special Olympics	142
Miscellaneous Service	1,498

In addition we made 1,219 visits to the sick, 41 visits to the bereaved and 282 hours of service to sick/disabled members and their families.

We reported charitable disbursements totaling \$17,495 including

Church Activities	\$3,515
Community Activities	10,170
Culture of Life Activities	\$ 1,500
Youth Activities	\$ 2,760

Ladies Auxiliary

At our last meeting, Grand Knight Dutch Steenbakker spoke to the ladies present about ways he hoped the Auxiliary could be of assistance to the Knight's activities in the coming months. I expressed the appreciation of the Auxiliary for his acknowledgement of help we have offered so far.

The immediate plan is to work the Lenten Dinners, and to assist with the Flea Market in April. In March we will be having a pre-Easter Bake sale on the 22nd with the funds to be donated to one of the many charities within the St Pius community. We will also be including a Welcome letter to wives of new Knights and an invitation to join us.

Nora Mrazik, President



Ladies Appreciation Banquet



Once again our council honored the support provided to it's Knights by their loved ones on Valentine's Day at our annual Ladies Appreciation Banquet.

We also paid tribute to the memory of SK Joe Kerns, a long time supporter of this annual event who gave of his time and money to make it a success.

Thank you all that attended for this year's memories!

PWID Presentations

Checks for \$1380 were presented to Ms, Schnell and Ms Mata from Santa Rita Community Eagle, to Ms Michelle Wells at Esperanza School and to Harry Parks, the Director of the Sunnyside Vikings Booster Club.

Thanks to all who made this possible!



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.

Linda Jo Grell
Bob Grell
Ed Marsh





March

Mar 1 - Community Breakfast & Blood Drive

Mar 4 - Council Social Breakfast

Mar 8 - Knights Social

Sunday Matinee Show of "The Ballad of TWO GUN McGraw" at the Gaslight Theater, Broadway & Kolb 12 Noon for those of you that purchased tickets. Cutoff was in February so unless you purchased your tickets already, this is just a reminder of the date and time for the event.

Mar 6, 13, 20, 27 - Lenten Dinners

Mar 14 - 2nd & 3rd Exemplification

There will be an Exemplification of the Second and Third Degrees on March 14 at St. Rita in the Desert Church, hosted by Council 14230, in Vail, AZ. All First Degree members should plan to attend. Additional details will be in the March Newsletter.

Mar 26 - Meeting Guest Speaker MARK THIS DATE!

Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 7:30 PM Andrew Schot will be a guest speaker at our meeting. This event is open to all spouses, friends and families of council knights.

He is originally from the Netherlands, was a neighbor of Ann Franck and will be speaking of his experiences in the Nazi extermination camps during the Second World War as a victim of the Holocaust.

Mr. Schot came to the U.S. after the war as a refugee, served a career in the U.S. Army and became a United States citizen. He tells his story, especially at schools, throughout the U.S. so that we will not forget. This will prove to be a very interesting and informative talk with a Q & A to follow.

April

Apr 1 - Council Social Breakfast

Apr 5 - Easter - NO Community Breakfast

Apr 12 - Easter Fiesta

Apr 18 - 19 - Membership Drive

Apr 24 - Flea Market Setup

Apr 25 - Flea Market

Apr 30 - Social/Pot Luck

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would have to wait. It was now the night of September 13, and the bombardment of Fort McHenry was about to start.

As twilight deepened, Key and Beanes saw the American flag flying over the Fort. Throughout the night they heard bombs bursting and was the red glare of rockets. The knew the fort was resisting and the American Flag was still flying. Toward morning, the bombardment ceased, and a dread silence fell. Either Fort McHenry had surrendered and the British flag now flew above it, or the bombardment had failed and the American flag still flew.

As dawn began to brighten the eastern sky, the two men stared out at the fort, trying to see which flag flew over it. They must have asked each other over and over again, "Can you see the flag?" After seeing the American Flag, Key penned his four stanza poem telling of the events as a conversation between the two men that night. Originally called the "Defense of Fort McHenry," it was changed for obvious reasons to the "Star Spangled Banner" which was in 1931 declared by Congress to be our official National Anthem.

Catholics have always shown their patriotism and as the men at Fort McHenry did that fateful night, let us as Catholics and Knights always defend and protect the United States and like Francis Scott Key and William Beanes let us always bear witness to this bravery.

Vivat Jesus.

Emmanuel M. "Dutch" Steenbakker
Grand Knight

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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