



Good News
 From The Knights of Columbus
 St. Pius X Council 10762
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August 2004

Regular Business Meeting: 2nd Thursday
Business/Social Meeting: 4th Thursday
Fourth Degree Meeting: 3rd Thursday
Location: Hopi Room
Time: 7:30 PM
Chapter Meeting (delegates) 2nd Monday
Location: Regina Cleri Council
Time: 7:30 PM

COUNCIL OFFICERS 2003-2004

Chaplain: Fr. Harry Ledwith 885-3573
Grand Knight: Pete Karculias 722-7093
Dep. Grand Knight: Joe Gulotta 296-7086
Chancellor: Carl Seymour 722-1569
Recorder: Joe Mrazik 885-0820
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Warden: Rick Madden 885-3390
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Trustee (1 year): Ed Marsh 751-0838

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Membership: Mike Fulca 733-0159
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Community Activity: Jerry Hennelly 733-0995
Council Activity: Michael Karzcynski 722-9630
Family Activity: Gene Dunham 751-9855
Youth Activity: David Wickey 290-0551
Vocations: Dennis Ranke 885-8145
McGivney Guild: Joe Kerns 721-4991
Newsletter/PR: Pete Karculias 722-7093
Photos/Scrapbook: Tom Eagan 751-2560
District Deputy: Art Dugan 760-2707
Field Agent: Art Cordova 743-8271
Chapter President: Richard Tracey 297-1248

Calendar of Events

AUGUST 2004	
3-5	Supreme Convention – Dallas
5	Degree Team Practice – Hopi Room 7:15
12	Fr. McGivney born 1852
12	Business Meeting 7:30 Hopi Room
14	Fr. McGivney died – 1890
15	Feast of the Assumption
20	Gaslight Theater Outing – Tony Marino 296-8359
26	Regular business meeting & social Hopi Room
26	Deadline for Newsletter articles – Pete Karculias 722-7093 skpetek@cox.net
September 2004	
2	Degree Team Practice – Hopi Room 7:15
6	Labor Day
9	First Degree/Business Meeting 7:30 Hopi Room
11	Host 2 nd /3 rd Degree
12	Pancake Breakfast – AZ Room. Carl Seymour 722-1569 seymouraz@cox.net
12	Blood Drive – AZ Room – Jerry Hennelly 733-0995 ezmh@flash.net
23	Regular business meeting & social Hopi Room

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Prayer Intentions

To add or remove someone from this list, contact Chancellor Carl Seymour, 296-7086 seymouraz@cox.net .

- Aultman, Lloyd
- Bootier, John
- Burrueal, Crus
- Cisek, Joe
- DeNolf, Adolph
- Fugario, Maria
- Fulca, Helen
- Fulca, Joe
- Gulotta, Joe
- Hollick, Bill
- Jokerst, Carl
- Kerns, John
- Klees, Chuck
- McGillivray, Mary
- Mrazik, Nora
- Palomino, Bob
- Pogge, Danielle & Henry
- Pieper, Steve
- Venegas, Richard

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 whatsoever You do, You do for the love of us. Amen.

In Memoriam - Father Walter Somerville



Father Walter Somerville went home to the Lord on July 20th. Most of us knew him as Father Walt. He was a member of the Knights of

Columbus and the Msgr. James T. Weber Assembly of the Fourth Degree.

Father Walt was ordained in 1953 for the Archdiocese of Chicago and served several parishes in the area. Due to frail health, he retired to Tucson in 1992. He celebrated Mass often at St. Pius before being confined to a wheelchair.

Services were held at St. Pius X Church on July 25 at 5:00 PM. In attendance were four priests and friends from the Archdiocese of Chicago, Father Gerry and Father Harry and Bishop Kicanis. The Fourth Degree Knights provided a Guard of Honor and rendered a memorial service prior to the Mass. Brother Ed McGillivray was among those who spoke fondly of his memories of Father Walter.

Please remember Father Walt in your prayers.

August Birthdays

Congratulations to these brothers who celebrate birthdays this month.

If your name is listed here, come to the next pancake breakfast (this fall) and receive one complimentary breakfast in honor of your birthday!

Name	Date
Patrick Palomino	1
Harold Pieper	6
Alejandro Valdez	11
Darrell Jacobson	12
Ray Wicus	14
Scott Brockman	16
Mark Culbertson	18
Abe Marcor	20
Lester Smith	22
Herbert Clark	23
Andy Lehman	23
Joseph Parente	24
Hector Solis	24
Robert Hart	28
Robert Crain	30

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Anthony D'Auria	30
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Pete Karcudias

Grand Knight

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Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers,

What a hectic first month as your Grand Knight! Most of your officers have been busy getting things organized. Our worthy Deputy Grand Knight, Joe Gulotta, has been especially busy organizing our service program with all new directors except for one veteran. I am looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

We are honored to welcome Father Harry Ledwith who has agreed to serve as our council Chaplain. Our gratitude and thanks to Father Gerry Miriani who has served as our Chaplain the last several years.

This month we mourn the loss of Father Walt Somerville, a member of the Fourth Degree Weber Assembly and a friend to so many of us.

We also celebrated the installation of our new officers and recognized our Knight of the Year, Joe Kerns and Family of the Year, Jerry and Evelyn Hennelly. See the articles in this news letter.

One of the most difficult tasks facing the Grand Knight is the selection of the Knight and Family of the Year. We have an abundance of candidates, all very worthy of this recognition. That makes it a very difficult but still pleasant task to select just one.

We have lots of things coming up so keep an eye on the news letter calendar of events.

Vivat Jesus!

Congratulations!

***Knight of the Month for June –
Nick Romano***

***Family of the Month for June –
Mike and Dorothy Vilas***

Program Director's Corner

As Program Director I wish to thank these Brothers who have accepted the important positions in the activities listed below:

Church Director

Jim Liesse 722-855

Community Director

Jerry Hennelly – 733-0995

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Council Director

Mike Karczynski – 722-9630

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Family Director

Gene Dunham -751-9855

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Youth Director

Dave Wickey - 290-0551

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Those Brothers who have worked so diligently in the past are asked to provide the same support this fraternal year. We are off and running. Areas of responsibility are being defined. The new directors will bring new vitality to the programs selected by the council.

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From time to time Brothers of the council will be asked to lend a hand in one of the five areas listed . I realize that some have many other commitments but if you can help carry the Cross just once in a while it would make the load lighter for the others.

We are always open to new ideas. Please direct them to the appropriate Director or to me.

Program Director
Joe Gulotta – 296-7086 tucsonjoe@cox.net

Service Program Highlights

Church Activities – Jim Liesse:
The Council is setting up for Mass for the elderly at Fellowship Square on Thursdays. Director Jim Liesse had a good response when he asked for volunteers to help. Thanks to these brothers some 40 elderly, some in wheelchairs, need not concern themselves with setting up the room for Mass.

Community Activities – Jerry Hennelly:
Can collection goes on. Bring your cans to the meetings Brother Romano would love to see them.

The blood drive produced 44 pints of blood in July and Community Director Jerry Hennelly is looking for a record number of contributors in August. If you can, please help in this important project by giving ! A few volunteers are needed to help PGK Jerry set up the area for the next drawing On September 12 in the Arizona room. Volunteers please call Jerry at 733-0995

.Life is not so much a matter of position as disposition.

Officer Installation & Awards Banquet
We held our Installation of Officers ceremony Saturday, July 24th. We began

with the 5 PM Mass at which the grandson of our Financial Secretary, Dick Goddard, was baptized. We were pleased to have a Fourth Degree Honor Guard present. Father Harry invited all the officers to come forward and stand before the altar to receive the blessing of the parishioners.

We were also pleased to have Worthy State Warden Herb Maddock present and address us at the dinner.

We presented our Knight of the Year and Family of the Year awards at the banquet (see articles elsewhere in this issue).

We also presented a certificate and desk set plaque to our outgoing Grand Knight, Joe Keaney, in appreciation for all he has done for our council.

Thanks to Worthy Chancellor Carl Seymour, Brother Jim Liesse, Frank Watson, Kathy Madden and others whose names I missed for their hard work in setting up and preparing the dinner we enjoyed.

Special thanks to Tony Marino for entertaining us with his delightful music during the meal.



Council officers for 2004-5 with District Deputy Art Dugan, State Warden Herb Maddock and Fourth Degree Honor Guard

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Knight of the Year 2003-2004

Brother Joseph Kerns was awarded the distinction of Knight of the Year for St. Pius X Council 10762 for the fraternal year 2003-2004. Our sincerest congratulations and thanks to you Joe, for all you do for the Knights.



Knight of the Year 2003-4 Joe Kerns

Here is a little more information about Brother Joe.

Our Knight of the Year was born in 1921 in Pottsville, Pennsylvania. Joe likes to say that he and two brothers were born on Church property because in 1928 a Church was built on the site. The church still stands there today and Brother Joe visited it earlier this year.

After graduation from St. Joseph's High School in Philadelphia, our Knight worked at the Ben Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia for a time before enlisting in the US Army Air Corps in 1940. He trained as a mechanic at Chanute Field in Rantoul, Illinois and then was assigned to Anchorage, Alaska. After 14 months Brother Joe volunteered for gunnery school and trained near Las Vegas after which he was transferred right back to Anchorage, Alaska. He was assigned to a bomber squadron which moved to the

Aleutian Islands. Our Knight served as a waist gunner on a B-24.

After a number of missions, Brother Joe's B-24 suffered severe battle damage after being attacked by enemy fighters. With one engine out and the other damaged, the crew elected to attempt to land on the Kamchatka peninsula rather than ditch in the frigid North Pacific. Expecting to repair, refuel and take off, the crew was instead detained by the Russians. Along with the crews of two other B-24's and 5 B-25's, they numbered about 48 officers and men. All were shuttled deeper into Russia. They were told they were "Americanski spies". They were interned near Tashkent until February 1945 when their "escape" was arranged. Their number had now grown to 60 as other crewmembers joined them. The Russians arranged with the US Embassy to allow the internees to depart Russia without anyone knowing about it. They were transported by truck and train, eventually arriving in a camp near Tehran, Iran. From there they went to Cairo, Tunisia and finally Casablanca where they finally boarded a troop ship and returned to the US.

It was not until 1986, during a reunion at Colorado Springs, that the US publicly recognized their status as Prisoners of War. Joe received his POW medal from Lt. General McInerney.

Brother Joe has been interviewed by both the History Channel and the Discovery Channel. Their story was an episode of Secrets of World War II on the History Channel.

Following his "world tour", Brother Joe worked installing TV antennas on Long Island and then worked for a trucking company. He then went to school to learn the new electronic data processing equipment just prior to the introduction of

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the IBM 1401 computer, one of the first successful business systems.

Brother Joe left Long Island 36 years ago to live in Tucson where he worked for the Southern Arizona Bank for 17 years before retiring. Joe lost his beloved wife 11 years ago, and two brothers, both Marines. Another brother, John, is terminally ill in Pennsylvania (he is on our prayer list). Joe also has a sister in Florida.

Joe has been a Knight for 55 years. He is a Fourth Degree member. He has held the offices of Recorder and Chancellor but prefers to work "in the trenches". His hobbies include hiking and photography,

His hard work and dedication to our council over the years have earned him Knight of the Month recognition several times. His contributions to our pancake breakfasts, religious devotions, and not the least, the donut sales program, have been extraordinary. Brother Joe's selfless devotion to the Church, the Knights and his fellow Brothers have earned him the highest honor a Council can grant, Knight of the Year.

A Christian must keep the faith, but not to himself.

Family of the Year 2004-2004

Brother Jerry Hennelly and his wife Evelyn were recognized as the Family of the Year for the fraternal year 2003-2004. Our warmest congratulations and thanks to Brother Jerry and Evelyn.



**Jerry and Evelyn Hennelly
Family of the Year 2003-2004**

The Hennelys were both born on the South Side of Chicago. He worked as an electrician for the city of Chicago and Evelyn was a Registered Nurse. After 60 years they moved to Tucson in 1995. They have two daughters, one who was attending the University of Arizona Law School. They came to visit her here and fell in love with Tucson and eventually retired here. That daughter is now a staff attorney with the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. Their other daughter is a physical therapist. They have no grandchildren, but do have a "granddog" as well as their own dog Einstein.

Evelyn's interests include working part time as a cashier at the zoo, quilting, crocheting and most other crafts. Brother Jerry still helps out with electrical work and painting. Both enjoy the theater, especially musical comedies and are season ticket holders at the U of A and the Gaslight Theater.

They are both active in community and church affairs. Brother Jerry has worked for Habitat for Humanity and Project Reachout while Evelyn works with the Ladies' Boutique. Both are members of the St. Pius Jet Set and count money for the parish collections.

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Brother Jerry is a Past Grand Knight of our council and was previously Warden and Deputy Grand Knight for two years each. He chaired the annual MR Drive for our council for several years, including the year we were recognized as the top fund raiser in the state. Brother Jerry also works on the Flea Market project, the annual Religious Appreciation Dinner, Blood Drives, and chairs the Memorials committee arranging Masses for the deceased members and flowers and cards for hospitalized members.

Please join in congratulating Brother Jerry Hennelly and Evelyn for their generous contributions over the years to our council, church and community.

Update Your Contact Information.

If you have moved or changed phone numbers, please clip the form below and mail it to the Council address at the top of this bulletin. You can also use this form to change your preference for receiving the bulletin by e-mail. Or simply email the information to skpetek@cox.net. Thank you

Name: _____
New Address: _____
Street: _____
City: _____
State: _____ ZIP _____
Phone: (_____) _____ - _____
e-mail _____
Send Bulletin via e-mail (Y/N): ____
Form Preferred: MS Word _____
PDF _____

Gaslight Theatre Night



The August 20th show, *Space Rangers* is already sold out. But you can make your reservations now for the next show on October 30th. The show will be *The Vampire* or

“He Loved in Vein”. Show starts at 7 PM. Tickets are \$13 each Please make checks payable to Tony Marino, not the Knights of Columbus. Call Tony Marino for reservations – Tel. 296-8359. As usual, Tony has reserved the best seats in the house. Make reservations early as this show will also be a sellout!