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*Our Lady of Lourdes
Council # 11809*

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We have held the elections for new officers this May. We had a full slate of Knights that decided that they would step up and take over the reins of the council for the coming Fraternal Year. I wish them all a smooth transition and smooth sailing at the helm of the Council and that they will experience great satisfaction in their work. I am sure your new Grand Knight Carl Jarvis will guide this Council with sure hands. One of my last events to attend was the 114th State Convention that was held in Scottsdale this year. I did meet Knights from other councils I have been in and also met some others from the local Councils in our area. It was enjoyable in some respects with talking with old acquaintances and listening to the speakers, albeit there were some that droned with their report.

Sir Knight Joe Shanks gave a short report on what our Council is doing with the Father McGivney statue pass around program for the Knights and also for the Parish. It was well received and should inspire some other councils to make the effort to provide this program in their parishes.

Our Council was recognized for having the 25th Anniversary this coming June 5, 2021. We were one of two councils that received that commendation. However, we received two commendations for the 25th Anniversary. One was from Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and the other was from the new Supreme Knight Patrick Kelley. So, we have two certificates. These will be presented to the Council at the Anniversary Dinner being held at Lou's Tivoli Gardens on the June 5. The founders of this Council had a vision for what they wanted to do with the Council. Hopefully we have done them proud this last year with all the barriers that we had to work around. I salute them for their vision and efforts in starting the Council and keeping it moving and active. Hopefully in 25 more years the members of this Council will look back on the people that were the vibrant core of the present Council and say "They did a good job." Over the years some of the founding members have passed away and were honored during the Necrology Mass that is held every year at the convention. This year 12 of our brother Knights were honored at that Mass that was celebrated by Bishop Weisenburger from Tucson and Bishop Pazak of the Byzantine Eparchy in Phoenix. The 4th Degree honor guard was there to do the Flag Presentation and to Escort the Bishops during the Mass.

The State at this convention also elected new officers for the next Fraternal Year. Luigi Baratta was elected as the State Deputy replacing Mario Vassallo. I had worked with Mario a lot this year and he was always there to help me with my concerns and questions. I was able to properly thank him for all that he did for me and the Council over the last year. The other officers elected were Tom Kato, State Secretary, Kevin McCarthy, State Treasure and Larry Powers, State Advocate. The only contested position was for State Warden. Balloting was held for the position with Bobby Nielson garnering more votes than Dean Martinez.

The Council also delivered \$13,600 in raffle tickets to the State and I watched as they dropped all the tickets into the drum. We were one of the first to put tickets in the drum and I was told that we were the largest sellers at that point. On the 22nd the drawing was held and it was announced that the total receipts exceeded \$320,683. That far exceeded the amount that they State was expecting because of the pandemic. Our Council Share was about 4.2% of the total, which is an amazing number considering there are 137 councils in the state. But Wait! We actually sold a winning ticket for 4th prize - \$3,000. Sort of funny that it took me a couple of seconds to realize that our Council had been named for selling the ticket.

At the end of the last evening the ending address was from Bishop Weisenburger of the Tucson Diocese. He spoke about what the Knights mean to him and how they have helped during the pandemic with the various programs in the State and Diocese. But in the middle of the speech, he said that he was talking with the pastor in Casa Grande and was told by that pastor, and I paraphrase, that he couldn't be as effective if he didn't have the help of the Knights. He stated that the Knights were the strong right arm of a church priest and they needed them to succeed. That brought a standing ovation from the entire body of Knights and ladies at the awards dinner. Bishop Pazak of the Eparchy of Phoenix also expressed his thanks to the Knights that support him. It was nice to hear this from The Bishops that deal with the big problems of the Diocese and how they rely on the Knights. It makes it all worthwhile. So that is food for thought when our new Pastor Fr. John comes to Our Lady of Lourdes. This council will have the opportunity to be a strong right arm for him and we can further the endeavors of Fr John by working hard to make him a successful priest here at Our Lady Of Lourdes.

Vivat Jesus

Mike Hug GK 11809

Upcoming Council Events

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Officer's Meeting – June 3rd, 2021 at 9:30 am

Membership Meeting – June 10th, 2021 at 6pm, Rosary at 5:30 pm

25th Anniversary Council 11809 – June 5th, 2021 at Tivoli's Restaurant at 5:30 pm

What's Coming Up in Next 3-4 Months

June 5th, is the 25th Silver Anniversary of Council 11809. SK Joseph Shanks will be the chair of this committee and will present a preliminary scope of the event. He will be asking for volunteers to support this event. This will take place on Saturday, June 5th. Mass will be at 4:00pm at OLL and the event will start at 5:30pm at Tivoli's Restaurant. We are looking forward to have all Knights, their wives, spouse of deceased Knights and special visitors (State Deputy, Assigned State Officer for the Council, District Deputy and their wives in attendance). We will honor those remaining Knights that are Charter Members of the Council. Be sure to mark this date on you calendar. It is one event you won't want to miss.

June 25th – 27th will be the Arizona State Organizational Meeting in Flagstaff. This will be for the Installation of District Deputies and District Deputy Training. Grand Knight and Financial Secretary Training will take place later in Phoenix and Tucson.

State Raffle Ticket Sales

Thanks to all who have supported this years sales.

Not only did we exceed our last year's number, we had a winning 4th place ticket of \$3,000. The winner was Camille Miranda #137761. This ticket was sold when we had ticket sales at Safeway.

Total proceeds throughout the State were \$360,683.



We have far exceeded our expectations - **\$13,600**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11809
Current Slate of Officers
For YEAR 2021-2022

Grand Knight	Carl Jarvis
Deputy Grand Knight	Jake Kluch
Chancellor	Bob Binder
Recorder	Steve Deafenbaugh
Treasurer	Mike Ward (Incumbent)
Advocate	Dennis Dionne (Incumbent)
Warden	Joseph Kowalkowski (Incumbent)
Inside Guard	Albert Dailey (Incumbent)
Outside Guard	Ernie Biala
Lecturer	Roger Stone
Trustee 1YR	Donald King
Trustee 2YR	John Heep
Trustee 3YR	Gregory Jude
Financial Secretary - Appointed by Supreme	Ron Rinder (Incumbent)

Brother Knights, the Nominating Committee for the upcoming officer elections for 2021-2022 is Seeking a slate of names of Brother Knights seeking election in June 2021.

For any brother knight interested in an exciting position in the council, we are seeking specific nominations for Financial Secretary. This position can be very rewarding, and you will be trained by Ron Rinder, who will be available to help you in any way.

Nominations are open for consideration in February until voting on May 1, 2021 and to be finished by June 15, 2021 at the regular monthly business meeting, anyone wishing to seek office should notify Joseph Shanks or Bob Conen to express their intentions. If you need information on the positions, contact Joseph Shanks at hotrodtiki@aol.com .

KOC Ladies Auxiliary 2020 – 2021 Fraternal Year

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Council 11809

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Those in Need of Our Prayers

A Prayer for Healing a Loved One

All our times are in Thy hand. All diseases come at Thy call and go at Thy bidding. Thou redeemest our life from destruction and crownest us with loving kindness and tender mercies. We bless Thee, that Thou hast heard our prayer, and commanded deliverances for our friend and Thy servant, who has been under Thine afflicting hand. He (or she) was brought low, but Thou hast helped him (her). May he (she) not only live but declare the works of the Lord! As Thou hast delivered his eyes from tears, his feet from falling, and his soul from death, may he daily inquire: What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me, and resolve to offer unto Thee the sacrifices of thanksgiving and to call upon the name of the Lord. May we ever remember that recovery is only a reprieve and that someday we will go to our rest in the Lord. May we, therefore, secure the righteous path and live with eternity ever in our view.

Amen.

Our prayers this month go to the Families of Brother Knights Larry Loseke, Bob Conen, John Mahoney, Henry Bianco, Earl Mackert, Joseph Kurzweil, Mike Ward and others that need our prayers.

We also pray for Joe Dorsey - Mike Ward's niece's husband, Carol Voight and Heather Melcarek - John Melcarek's daughter.

May they be healed and remain in the comfort of their family.

May God Bless their families and provide the spiritual support needed to provide the patience for healing.

Birthdays – Years of Service

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Bartholomew Dwenger	Sulaiman Mansour	Leroy Peiffer	63	Donald Rush	60
Philip Rocco	Peter Kendall	Lawrence Keitges	37	Philip Rocco Jr	34
Bruce Merrihew	John Lowe	Archie Galindo Jr	29	Gene Comstock	25
Guy Chester	George Koch	Dwight McMichael	24	Robert Carneiro	22
Herbert Strider	Jonathan Isiderio	Herbert Strider	14	B Dwenger	10
Peter Rimlinger	Merle Felling	Gerald Anderson	7	Michael Norton	4
Dennis Rowling	Ernest O'brien	Kyle Van Selow	4	Albert Dailey	3
John Flynn		Dean Bimber	3		

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