



Knights Notes – January 2024

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Welcome to 2024!

The council's first daylight meeting on Thursday, January 11th went well. We had Panera soup and bread and soft drinks at 1 p.m., prayed the rosary at 1:30 p.m., and held our member meeting from 2 p.m. to about 3:15 p.m. We will continue to meet on the second Thursday of each month on the daylight meeting schedule until the council decides to change to summer meeting hours.

Another change for 2024 is that the current dues notice you recently received by now is for ½ your normal dues, and will pay up through July 1, 2024. Shortly before then, you'll receive dues notice for your full annual dues, which will pay through July 1, 2025. This aligns the council dues income with the fraternal year, making the budget process easier.

Carlos Alexander won the 50/50 raffle for the second consecutive month, and donated his winnings to the council. Congratulations and thank you, Carlos!

Affiliate Member Initiative

Our Lady of Lourdes council #11809 is participating in the Affiliate Member Initiative (AMI) pilot program administered by the Supreme Membership Management group.

There are Knights who are on the council roster who we are not able to contact and have not paid their dues for multiple years, who can remain members of the Knights of Columbus without the council being responsible for the per capita charges from state or Supreme.

The council recently developed a list of members eligible for the AMI. The criteria to be eligible for AMI are:

- Regular dues notices were sent, dues were not paid, AND
- Emails were sent and ignored or bounced, AND
- Postal mail was sent and ignored or returned undeliverable, AND
- Phone calls were made and ignored or number not in service, AND
- The member has not been seen at mass, meetings, or events.

Remember, ALL parish volunteers must complete the Safe Environment Training (SET) from the Phoenix Diocese. Contact Julie Gradillas in the parish office at 623-344-7276 for assistance.

The following members are being proposed for the Affiliate Member Initiative (AMI):

Andrew La Cour
Rich Greene
Justin Loucks
George Becerra
Gerald Anderson
James Bosco
Dominic Humphrey
Ernie Leidiger
Anthony Messina
Joseph Puchalski
Leo Schomer
David Franco
Archie Galindo
Paul Heinz
Robert Latzo
Paul Massell
Arthur Rathbun
Kenneth Szolosi
Harry Wheeler

If you have any information about the current status or location of any of these brothers, please contact Jake Kluch at jhkluch@gmail.com

ALSO, all volunteers at upcoming Fish FryDays must complete Food Handling training. It is available online at <https://www.efoodcard.com/az/>. You can be reimbursed for the cost by the council on request.

Supreme Chaplain Challenge for January

Do you take the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist for granted?

Does the way you dress for Mass reflect that Jesus is present?

Do you remain conscious throughout each day of Jesus' activity in your life and turn to him frequently in prayer?

What's the Economic Outlook for '24?

Please join Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors (KoCAA) for an online panel discussion as we review what transpired in the financial markets during 2023 and provide an outlook for 2024.

The presentation will be hosted by Anthony Minopoli, President and Chief Investment Officer of KoCAA, and will feature James W. Gaul, CFA, Vice President, Equity Portfolio Manager, and Nicholas Gentile, CFA, Vice President, Co-Head of Fixed Income.

To sign up follow this link:
<http://tinyurl.com/KoCAAJan30>

The council needs FOURTEEN (14) members to attend the webinar to get credit for a Fraternal Benefits night. Contact Jake Kluch at jhkluch@gmail.com for details.



State Raffle starts soon!

The state raffle will be starting soon. At the state mid-year meeting, the state raffle coordinator, explained some DISQUALIFIERS for raffle ticket holders. Each of these has recently encountered, resulting in the ticket being invalidated and the prize being withheld; in one case, it was the top prize of \$10,000!

- Being under 18 years of age (don't put your child or grandchild's name on the ticket if they are not of age)
- Not having a Taxpayer ID number/Social Security Number
- Being dead (someone put a recently deceased family member's name on a ticket, "in their honor", which invalidated the ticket)

Another disqualifier is that the ticket cannot be "owned" by the council. This is apparently a recent change.

The prohibition on tickets being distributed through the mail continues (and also including UPS, FedEx and other methods).

Treasurer Report Summary

Significant Income:

- Ultrasound donations - \$6,370

Significant Expenses:

- Bobby's Coats for Kids - \$3,015
- Ultrasound Machine - \$20,000

Contact Treasurer Mike Ward with questions.

Upcoming Events/Contact

- **January 30th** 5 p.m. AZ time, Fraternal Benefits webinar (*see article "Economic Outlook" below*)
- **February 5th**, 2 p.m., Officer planning meeting, Fr. McGivney room – Jake Kluch
- **February 8th**, Member meeting (lite lunch 1 p.m., rosary 1:30 p.m., member meeting 2 p.m.) – Jake Kluch
- **February 11th**, Eucharistic Processional, "A Walk with Jesus:" – Rich Stone
- **February 11th** Bernadette's Brew – Jake Kluch
- **February 14th** – Ash Wednesday
- **February 15th** – Winter Food drive – Fr. Bill Fournier
- **February 16th** – FIRST Fish FryDay – Rich Stone
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Birthdays & Service Anniversaries

- Frederick Corey – 68 years as a Brother Knight – 2/1
- Larry Loeske – 56 years as/ Brother Knight – 2/1
- Timothy Zimmer – 55 years as a Brother Knight – 1/11
- Raymond Granzow – 50 years as a Brother Knight – 1/9

January Birthdays

- Ignatius Nwabichie
- Don Colamesta
- Robert Doles
- James Rakers
- John Olson
- Tom Metzger
- Frank Perry
- Adam Moore
- Thomas Sitek
- Daniel Jacobse3n
- Ronald Gosselin
- Quentin Hebert



Faith in Action – FAITH
Led by Richard Stone
Upcoming Activities:

February 11th – Eucharistic Processional

CoR – Organized dialogue for Men, facilitated by the Knights – current plan is to use videos from OCIA and/or Into the Breach.

Arizona Rosary Celebration – the council will have an ad in the ARC magazine. Further details as it approaches.



Faith in Action – COMMUNITY
Led by Fr. Bill Fournier
Upcoming Activities:

February 15th – Winter Food Drive – two locations, 8 a.m. to noon



Faith in Action – FAMILY
Led by Ed Hoover
Upcoming Activities:

Lenten Family Activities

Devotional Booklets distributed on Ash Wednesday

“You are Invited” cards for Good Friday

Christian Refugee Relief Prayer Cards

Persecuted Christian Fundraiser – Olivewood hand-carved crosses being distributed for contributions at Fish FryDays and Bernadette’s Brew Sundays



Faith in Action – LIFE
Led by Jim Michel
Upcoming Activities:

GOLF CART FOR SALE: The council has an electric golf cart that was donated to raise funds for the Ultrasound Machine. It is still for sale, contact Jim Michel, Bob Conen or Mike Ward for details.

The council approved funding for an Ultrasound Machine, and it has been confirmed that First Way Pregnancy Center will be the recipient.

9 Days for Life Novena – January 16-24th

<https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children January 22

Arizona March for Life is March 1st, 2024, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 Location: Wesley Bolin Plaza, 1700 W Washington St, Phoenix, AZ 85007, USA

Family of the Month – January
 Dennis, Denise Hirth and Quentin

Fourth Degree – New Sir Knights
 On January 13, 2024, the following Brother Knights from our council became Fourth Degree Sir Knights:

- James Geffre
- Cary King
- Christopher Schaefer
- Carlos Alexander
- William Hug
- Robert Miller
- Jim Riff

Congratulations!

Prayer List:
 Brother Richard Benjamin
 Brother Bob Binder
 Brother Tom McGarty
 Brother Bob Conen
 Brother Terry Horst
 Bart Dwenger
 Gail Perrault – wife of Brother Ray
 Jason Stainbrook (J. Kluch brother in law)