

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11809



**at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
and Mission at Lake Pleasant Parkway
Sun City West, Arizona**

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Brothers All:

I can't believe we are already four months into the current Fraternal Year. Thanks to your efforts our Council is moving forward in several areas. New Knights, five since July. Our first Food Drive of the year is under our belt and the Turkey Drive is coming up very soon. Also, we have staffed four Bernadette's Brews on the second Sunday after the 9am Mass.

Deputy Grand Knight **Ed Hoover** has been very busy restarting our Council Newsletter and developing a New Member Packet. All of this while recovering from surgery.

Unfortunately, we lost our Financial Secretary, **Bob Charlebois**, just recently. Bob was a mainstay of our Council, and he will be missed.

However, **Jake Klutch** has volunteered to step up as the Financial Secretary and his application will be sent into Knights of Columbus Supreme just as soon as I get the required signatures. Thank you, Jake. Note, the Financial Secretary is appointed by Knights of Columbus Supreme Headquarters and not elected Council.

We have a lot of challenges ahead of us and our Council's success is dependent on the support each of you are able to contribute.

Vivat Jesus,

Bob Conen, Grand Knight



Coats for Kids



We are once again distributing coats to needy children to keep them warm during the upcoming Winter. This year we added a distribution location at Santa Teresita

Parish. Coats were distributed after CCD on October 26th. The Pastor of St Teresita was extremely grateful as were the 35 children who received a coat. Each family also received an Advent Calendar reminding them that “Jesus is the Reason for the Season”
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As in past years we will also be distributing coats at **Valley View Community Food Bank on December 7 from 7:45 am –12:30 pm..**

Altogether we will distribute 192 coats.



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Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E Lori.

Turkey Drive

The Council’s annual Turkey Drive will take place on Wednesday November 20, 7:30 am—12:30 pm. Frozen turkeys may be dropped of either at Our Lady of Lourdes

parking lot by Madonna Hall or the Foundation parking lot at RH Johnson and Stardust. In addition to frozen turkeys donations of non-perishable “Thanksgiving Dinner” items and checks made out to

KofC11809 are welcomed.

You can make a huge difference by helping another family celebrate with thanksgiving by making your donation





From the Deputy Grand Knight

We have a full year of charitable and fraternal activities ahead of us. As you know our Fraternal year goes from July 1 to June 30. You will read about several of our programs in this Newsletter that are taking place during this fall and Christmas season. All of us can take a great deal of pride in the amazing efforts to provide Coats for Kids, a Thanksgiving meal to families in need, and ongoing support of the Right to Life.

During the year recruitment and retention will be front and center for Council Officers. We are off to a good start and we need to keep up the effort. Of special importance is our outreach to younger Catholic men who bring their energy and enthusiasm to our Council. Please remember that you are our eyes and ears when it comes to recruitment. Never miss a chance to ask a fellow parishioner "Are you a Knight?, Would you consider joining us?".

This is the first edition of our resurrected bi-monthly Council Newsletter. I hope you enjoy it. Pass along to your parishioner friends, men who might be interested in joining our ministry. Also, your suggestions and comments about content are always welcome!

Ed Hoover, Deputy Grand Knight

The Cor Program-Inspiring Men of Faith

Our Council under the leadership of **Rich Stone** has started a new faith building program open to ALL men, not just Catholics. To thrive as a faithful Christian, every man needs an active and growing relationship with God, invests in his formation and prayer life, and builds friendships that sharpen him and hold him accountable to a life of holiness and virtue. Cor is designed for this purpose.



It exists to form and strengthen men in faith and virtue through prayer, formation, and fraternity. **The name "Cor", which is Latin for heart, was chosen because our faith, our relationship with God, and our formation begin with and reside in the heart**

Meetings will be the second Thursday of the month from 3:30-5:30 pm. You are invited and encouraged to bring a family member or friend. Refreshments are served. For more information contact **Rich Stone** at alphawavepoolcare@gmail.com.



In Memoriam

Robert “Bob” Charlebois 1942-2024

With sadness we report the passing of Robert “Bob” Charlebois on October 28, 2024. Bob joined the Knights of Columbus in 2013 and became a Fourth Degree, Sir Knight, in 2023. Since 2023 Bob served as the Council’s Financial Secretary. Bob is survived by his wife Dianne. Bob was dedicated to his Council, fellow Knights and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

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Member Mentor Program

The Council has approved a New Member and Member Retention Mentor Program. For new members the program is aimed at providing them with a welcoming and informative entry into our Council. They receive a welcome letter explaining the steps to attaining Third Degree and information about Coun-

cil activities. Most importantly each new member will be assigned a mentor who will reach out to them, help them get acquainted and feel welcomed to Council events and activities

We also have members we haven’t seen in awhile.



These members will also be assigned a mentor who will reach out, let them know they are missed and discover if there is a way we can serve them better.

Please consider becoming a mentor. It takes little time and is incredibly rewarding. Contact Deputy Grand Knight **Ed Hoover**.



Keep Christ in Christmas

Remember the car magnets last Christmas? Remember how much the donations for them helped buy a new ultrasound machine for First Way Pregnancy Center? Remember the outpouring of support from our members and parish?

Well, we're doing it again but with new magnet designs for 2024. We will be making these beautiful new magnets available during Advent after Masses..

The Keep Christ in Christmas program will once again support First Way Pregnancy Center but for a new family program they are developing. The need to do all we can to build strong Catholic Christian families has never been greater. This is especially so for new moms and dads who choose LIFE. This

new program will provide support and educational resources to strengthen young families just when they need it the most.

You may say, "I bought a magnet last year I don't need another one. Yes you do. These are NEW designs and your donation is critical to this very worthy cause. Donations will once again be \$5/magnet and ALL donations will to First Way Pregnancy Center.



Recognitions

We are very pleased to announce the follow new members of our Council.

Jeff Boas **Dan Newsome**
Henry Gorski **Jamie Prado**
Jim Hesseman

Knight of the Month
October—**Jim Michel**
Family of the Month
September—**Sam & Sue Pechkurow**
October—**Mike & Sue Ward**
November—**Bob & Jean Burnett**



Catholic Daughters—Coming Events

Catholic Daughters is sponsoring a **Shred-a-Thon** on November 2 from 8:00 am—11:00 am in the church parking lot. Bring printed items you don't want to get in the wrong hands for proper disposal.

Don't miss **BINGO** every on the first Thursday of every month in Madonna Hall from 1:00pm-3:00 pm. A great afternoon of fun, prizes and refreshments.



Calendar

Never wonder again what your Council is up to. Access the monthly events and activities calendar and other news at:

KofC11809.org/news/

Please join us at our monthly member meetings on the second Thursday of the month.

5:45 pm Rosary
6:15 pm Meeting

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We're on the Web

KofC11809.org

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Women's Guild—Coming Events

We all know that nobody can do a bake sale like the bakers of Our Lady of Lourdes. Here's your chance to snag some real goodies at the

Women's Guild Bake Sale

November 8 9:00 am—1:00 pm

12515 W Bonanza Drive, SCW 85375

Get there early for the best selection!

Important Resources & Websites

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sun City West (ololscw.org)

Knights of Columbus of Arizona (kofc-az.org)

Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program (kofc.org)

The Mission of the Family

The new *Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family* video series presents parents the Catholic vision of family life and inspires them to incorporate it into daily life. By viewing and discussing this inspirational series, and using their accompanying study guide, men as well as couples, will be equipped with the wisdom and practical tools they need to better lead their families in living out the Faith. Resources for the new series are available at kofc.org/intothebreach.