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Corpus Christi Council 10062

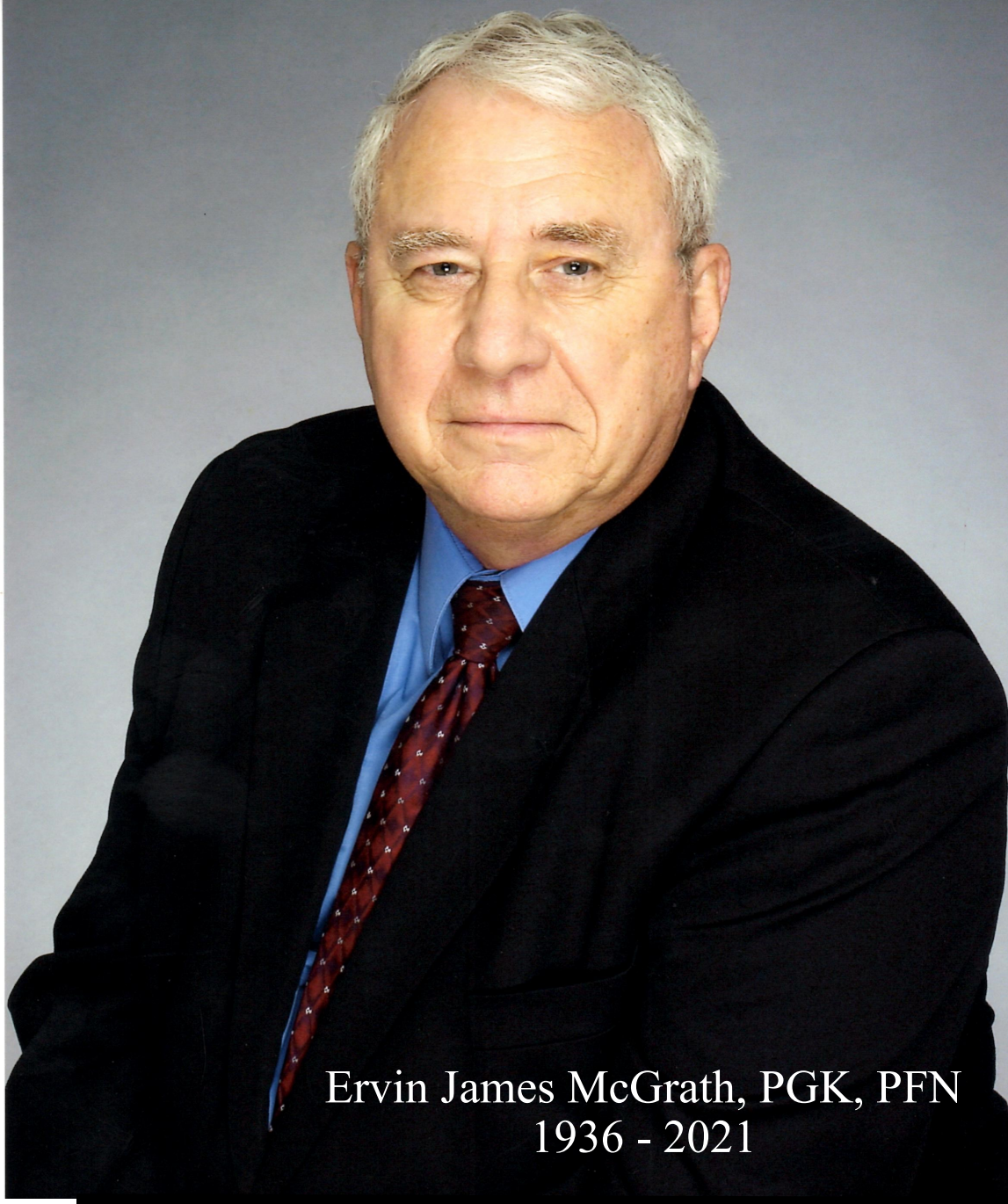


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Ervin James McGrath, PGK, PFN
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*Rest In Peace
Worthy PGK*

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Erwin James (Jim) McGrath

Ervin J. (Jim) McGrath departed peacefully on January 14, 2021. Jim was raised in Cold Spring, Kentucky. He graduated from St. Thomas High School, Fort Thomas, Kentucky and attended Thomas More college. He was also active in the Navy Reserves for eight years after high school.

Jim and Joan, his wife of 63 years, moved to Phoenix, Arizona in March , 1988. Together they raised nine children. Jim worked in the supermarket industry for Kroger, A & P, Super Value and Fleming Foods. In addition to his full time work during the mid 1970s, he was in charge of night and weekend duty serving as assistant Police Chief of the Highland Heights, Kentucky Police Department. In 1975, while working for Kroger, we accepted a transfer to their facility in Louisville, Kentucky. One year later, Jim was later transferred to Kroger's Solon, Ohio facility where he held the position of Meat Merchandising Manager.

He was a tireless worker, devoted husband and father. After working for several years at Fleming Foods in Phoenix, Jim joined the real estate industry working for Pulte Homes in south Chandler, AZ/ Jim was also an author of several books that were written and published in his later years. A proud parishioner at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Phoenix, he served as a Lector, Sacristan, Eucharistic Minister and commentator. He also wrote the weekly Knights' column in the Parish bulletin. He was a member pf the first Pastoral Council at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. Jim was a Charter Member of the Knights of Columbus Council 10062 where he served for many years in various roles including Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator of San Xavier del Bac Assembly 14. He was most proud to profess Patriotism as a member of the Fourth Degree Honor Guard.

Jim leaves behind his wife Joan (Rasche) and his loving children: Monica of Cape Coral, Florida; Debbie Davis of Canton, Ohio; Peggy Ashba of Geneva, Ohio; Sons, Douglas of Akron, Ohio; Gary (Maureen) of Mableton, Georgia; James of Kettering, Ohio; Kevin of Apopka, Florida, Florida and Brian of Phoenix, Arizona. Jim also leaves behind grandchildren Hannah, Jackson And Colin McGrath and James Davis. One great-grandchild, Nicole. He was preceded in death by his son, Shawn (2011); his parents Erwin and Marie (Staudinger) McGrath. He will be missed by his brothers, Bernard (Patricia) and David (Mary); his sisters Joyce Shaw and Geri (Tony) Waldbillig, many nieces and nephews all of the greater Cincinnati area. Services to be held at a later date.

Jim's request for remembrances are asked to be made in the form of Masses. Any monetary donations are asked to be made to the Knights of Columbus Council 10062, c/o Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 3550 E. Knox Road, Phoenix, AZ 85044 or to El Christo Rey Catholic Church. P.O. Box 505, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023 for the Mission Church.
Thank you.





From Our Worthy Grand Knight

In Memoriam...

This month I want to pay special tribute to all Brother Knights who have passed away in the past year. Although every year we lose Knights, 2020 has been especially hard on our Council, and 2021 has begun with a sad start with the passing of Founding Member, Jim McGrath.

Ash Wednesday (February 17th) starts our journey of Lent, a season of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in the preparation of the celebration of Easter. Each of these men have all played a role in the good works of our Council, and I know that their spirit will live on in all the good work we will continue to do. The Christian meaning of death is revealed in the light of the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Christ in whom resides our only hope. The Christian who dies in Christ Jesus is 'away from the body and at home with the Lord' (2 Cor 5:8). All these Brothers are certainly now at "Home with the Lord".

2020

Claude Adams
Hector Astrain
Matt Fazio
John Lastovica
Nick Lozzi
Joe Jakubicek
Robert Muller
John Rajczyk

2021

E. James McGrath

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

O Lord, your sorrowing Mother stood by your cross; help us in our sorrows to share your sufferings.

Vivat Jesus!

Christopher C. Rausch
Grand Knight





Jim McGrath...in memoriam

For, thus friends absent speak.-John Donne

I have been a member of the Knights of Columbus for a dozen years, brought into this brotherhood by well meaning men to whom I had never done any harm. Jim McGrath, God bless him, was not one of them. He was however, for all these years, a guiding light.

Jim was one of the first of our council to take a role in introducing me to men I now refer to as brothers and by virtue of his esteem within the council I was made to feel welcome as not just a newbie but a long time member. It was his way of mentoring, understanding the value to others who might be somewhat overwhelmed by what they had just gotten themselves into.

Jim was ubiquitous, seeming to be everywhere at once, always there to offer advice and assistance to anyone who would ask knowing as he did every intimate detail of this our council. A founding member, he attended seemingly every initiation ceremony often the only guest there to greet new members. He was at one time, sometimes two, the holder of every chair in both council and assembly. His importance in these roles was known to anyone who tried to fill them. Often, while filling these same chairs, unsure of the steps I was about to take, I would turn to Jim to find out if I was doing the right thing. His advice was unerringly correct.

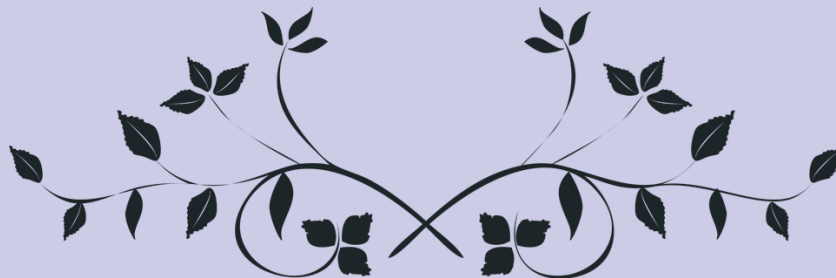
Jim not only did all these things, he did them long after any lingering sense of obligation might hold one. It is worth bearing in mind that none of the things we do as knights is a necessity to our physical existence. If we fold the council tomorrow, life would go on. So why did he do it? Why should we? Because he was, as each of us should be, *a servant of God*, called as St. Paul tells us, "*to do good, to be rich in good deeds, liberal and generous.*" It was a spirit of charity that can never be expressed, as too many in our secular world seem to believe, in the mere distribution of money. He did it because it was his council; he loved it and he loved us.

When you are Grand Knight there is a template you must follow to facilitate each meeting. At one point it says **Lecturer/Chaplain's Report**. For the first several months, not seeing our Chaplain next to me, I would skip over this part. A gentle clearing of the throat from Jim would remind me that the lecturer was there. Finally, so as not to forget, I entered; **THIS IS THE POINT WHERE JIM MCGRATH SPEAKS!**

Thus, by his example to me, through all these memories which touch my heart, my absent friend speaks.

Requiescat in Pace

Robert N. LaCroix
PGK Council 10062





Jim McGrath - The right words will never come. Best words for me to say as a Brother Knight and friend is what I've said every month when you would send in your articles... "Thank you, Jim". You will be missed by all. Rest In Peace Good Sir Knight. - Jul T.



My earliest memories of Jim is when he was a prominent lecturer for Sunday masses. It seemed he was always "working" the Mass I was at! I had no idea he was a Knight as I hadn't joined yet. I thought he was "deacon" (ha-ha!). After I joined and became somewhat active I noticed Jim was at everything I went to. And then when I got involved with the state raffle he and Joan were at "every" call out for help! It is because of him I have endeavored to become a better person! Jim also was the beacon of parliamentary order at any of our meetings! He knew Robert's rules of order better than Robert himself! I will miss him, but he will always be in my daily thoughts and prayers. Please keep Joan and the family in your prayers! God Bless you Jim and thank you for being my friend!

Vivat Jesus
Bill and Anita Steinkemper

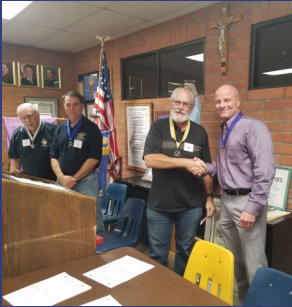




Brother/SK Jim McGrath was the building block in which Council 10062 was founded. I believe he was the last remaining charter member . . . and he will be sorely missed! It always amazed me how year after year Jim stepped up to the plate and volunteered for project after project. He was a mentor/friend to many of us.

James was a wonderful story teller . . . whose voracious laugh had no equal. There is a huge void in our hearts, yet I know the council & assembly will remain strong & vibrant because of our cornerstone, James McGrath.

Vivat Jesus!
Bill Drummey, PGK



Lets not forget Jim's participation at Knights Kids as our "treasurer" who accepted all the donations and issued the tax receipts.

George Notarpole





In A Word...

Listening....Are our ears open?

Brother Knights,

In Fr. Ray's homily on January 17, he mentioned: God gave us 2 ears and 1 mouth in order to listen more than we talk.

The question that popped into my head: who and what are we listening to?

In this time of COVID, we have been listening to a lot lately: to the news and to the politicians. And we have also been reading a lot (another form of "listening") of news stories on the internet, Facebook, or other source. Some have become angry, annoyed, unforgiving. Some have become discouraged and depressed at what the media is throwing at us.

Is it what we should be "hearing"?

At the Transfiguration, MT 17:5, God says to Peter, James, and John: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.

Do we heed God's message? In this time of pandemic, when we seem to be more isolated than ever before, let us open our hearts, our minds, and our souls to "listen" to the Word of God". This can be done in a multitude of ways.

1) Bible in a Year - Ascension Press has a free plan to read through the Bible In a Year! Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through how to do this through a podcast or through reading yourself! <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>

2) Works of Mercy - How is this listening? Jesus tells us the true guides to happiness at the Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes. These closely tie to the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. As a council, we perform a lot of these already! We need to continue to do this, especially now! There are 14 ways we can go down this path of "listening".

3) Adoration - There are many slots open for adoration at Corpus Christi. Our parish wants to get back to 24x7 adoration, but we need your help! The link to the Sign Up Genius for perpetual is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080845afaf2ca1fa7-return> Can't commit to once a week? Find a partner or 3 and commit to once a month, switching weeks with your partners. Spend an hour with Jesus in the true presence of Him in the Eucharist! Clear your mind and open your ears to hear what He is telling you!

Brothers, it may be time to turn off the nightly news and limit your time on social media. This may be a good time to open the "Good Book"! This may be a good time to put aside all distractions and listen to God's message!

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Kato,
PGK Council 10062
Treasurer, Arizona State Council Knights of Columbus

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
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Safe Environment RENEWAL TRAINING

Annual Online Training:
"Renewing Our Commitment"

The Diocese of Phoenix is committed to protecting all children and youth by offering, at all Diocesan parishes, several abuse prevention educational sessions. The Diocesan Policy and Procedure for the Protection of Minors requires all clergy, employees, volunteers that directly serve minors, and minors to attend training on an annual basis. All other volunteers in the parish must attend Safe Environment training every other year. In Catholic education grades Pre-k through high school, every student every year participates in a Safe Environment program.

In the Diocese of Phoenix all adult volunteers must complete Called to Protect for Ministries as a foundation course for Safe Environment. Called to Protect for Ministries is a 3 hour program which will teach steps that can be taken to prevent child sexual abuse and as a component of the training everyone is required to complete a volunteer application and Code of Ethics.

A 45 minute renewal Training is offered for all subsequent years. This training is offered through in-class sessions at the parish or through computer "online" training.

Go to phoenix.cmgconnect.org/ to learn more about the Diocese of Phoenix Safe Environment Training, to register for a training class, or to complete the online training.



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
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Safe Environment INITIAL APPLICATION & FOUNDATION TRAINING

*Application, Diocesan Policy Review,
Live Session RSVP & Background Check*

Diocese of Phoenix COVID-19 Response



The Diocese of Phoenix continues to monitor the [information from the Governor's Office](#), [Arizona health officials](#), and the [Federal Government](#). We are moving toward the goal of full restoration of parish life with prudence.

Stay connected with your parish through social media and Flocknote, and please continue to check in with your pastor and your fellow churchgoers to see how they are doing.

Join us in praying for our first responders, healthcare professionals, elected officials, and all those who are working tirelessly to serve us during this crisis

Be Healthy – Be Smart – Be Holy

Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Diocese of Phoenix, pray for us.

Jesus, we trust in You.



*Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas,
We fly to you today as your beloved children.*

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

*Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.*

*For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.*

*In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and
kind.*

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

*We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate Mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.*

*Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.*



Until further notice—Council meetings will be limited to remote access only. (no face to face meetings).

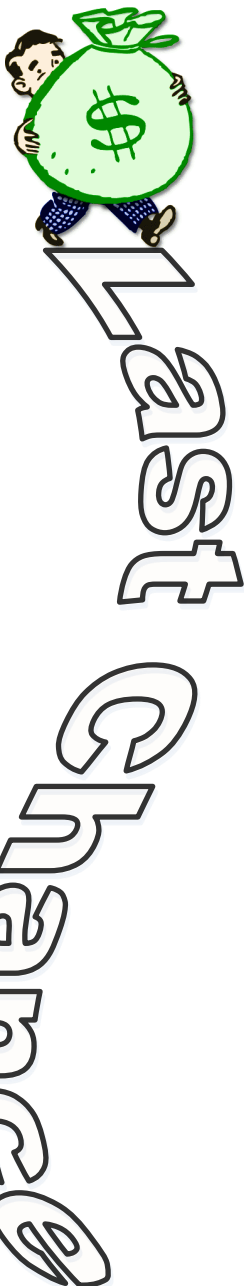
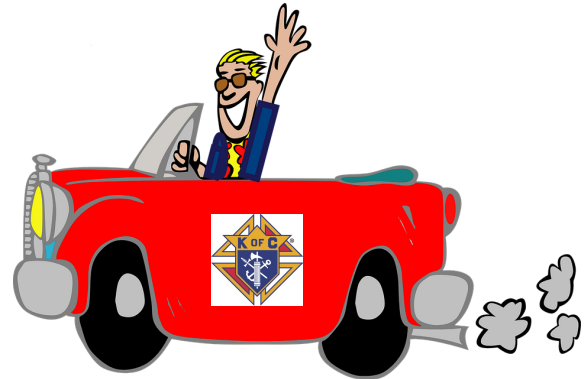
Please watch your email for instructions on where and how to participate. Thank you.

Annual Dues Notices - should have shown in your email (or mailbox) in early December. If you have not received your annual dues notice, please feel free to email Knights' Knots at JulTiritilli@gmail.com and we will pas along this information to our Financial Secretary. Thank you.



Thank you...

Everyone who drove or is still driving at the Phoenix WMO Event.



Rolling in the Dough 50/50 Raffle!!!!!!

2021 Rolling in the Dough \$\$\$\$ Raffle
TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Tickets are \$20 each!

Purchase at the council meeting or by mail (Purchases by mail must be received by February 3, 2021)

Prize drawings at our council meetings February.
9 WINNERS

Total prize money equal to 50% of the amount collected.
Each winner receives an equal share.

To Purchase Tickets:

Tickets will be sold at the November, December, January, and February council meetings.

Purchase by cash or check

Tickets can be purchased by mail.

Include your Name, mailing address, and e-mail (if you have one)

Send to:

Sal Celestino
3823 E Glenhaven Drive
Phoenix, Az. 85048-7906
Attn: K of C Council 10062

Ticket (s) will be entered in the drawing upon receipt of payment, the prize claim portion sent to you by return mail and, if an email address is included, a confirmation email will be sent with the ticket number (s).

Don't forget to include family, friends and acquaintances in the fun!
YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!!!

If you have questions please feel free to contact Sal Celestino by:

E-mail at scelestino@cox.net Cell phone at 602-617-7405.

Sal Celestino - Chairman



Intentions...

Please remember to pray for those Brother Knights, family members and friends of Brother Knights for improved health or whatever distress they may be going through.



Departed Brothers and Family...

Ervin James McGrath PGK, PFN

For the Health of...

**PGK Dennis Sullivan
Lee Burton, Pete Cavallero,**

Friends and Family who have fallen victim to COVID-19.

Fr. Rey's family and friends and all in the Philippines who are victims of the latest typhoon.

Medical Professionals and First Responders working with COVID-19 patients

**Our Father who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our Daily Bread
and forgive our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen**

Happy Birthday

- Bruno Aguilar 2/2, Robert Barnett 2/7
- Mark Bertagna 2/14, Eric Braun 2/18
- Lee Burton 2/9, Alfomso Camacho 2/14
- Kevin Casey 2/6, Mark Clennan 2/7
- Daniel Close 2/28, Wayne Finney 2/5,
- John Gavin 2/23, George Gonzalez 2/8
- Arthur Greve 2/20, Luciano Iervasi 2/17
- Stanly Kulangara Isac 2/25
- Edward Lopez 2/11, Joe McDermott 2/14
- Justin Meehan 2/26, Erick Miller 2/5
- Ryan Odenberg 2/11, Vincent Piraino 2/18
- Dave Rak Kinonen 2/2. John Roland 2/7
- Octavio Ruelas 2/5, Moises Sanchez 2/3
- Scott Smiley 2/13,
- Greg St Clair 2/16
- Carl Sulzen 2/9
- Christopher Tang 2/12
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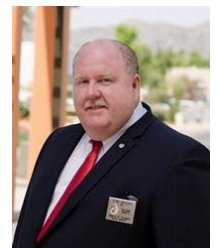
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Call me today to review your coverage and to plan for the protection of your family...



Please remember to send prayer requests to be included in Knights' Knotes prior to deadline. Thank you.



Lecturers Wanted



The Council recently decided on continuing the lecturer segment of our meetings. Now we will have lecturers on a rotating schedule. Thanks you to Mark Waypa and Bob La Croix (pictured above) who have stepped up so far. Who's next? Please contact the Grand Knight or Jul Tiritilli at jultiritilli@gmail.com if you would like to address the Council as a lecturer. Thank you.

COVID-19 Schedule changes and Cancellations

With the surge in COVID-19 cases throughout the State of Arizona, we are being asked to carefully plan events and consider the outcome of each as these may relate to the spread of the virus. That being said, Council meetings are to be held in a virtual setting until further notice. Degrees will also be held virtually. While the WMO driving event did go off as planned, many of our other events are in question at this time. Canceled or postponed for February, 2021

- Super Bowl Party
- Parish Picnic
- Priest Appreciation Dinner

Please look for notices arriving via email and attend the virtual monthly meetings for more information regarding future dates of postponed events. Thank you.

Mark Waypa Knight of the Month

Thank you Mark, for your taking on the responsibility of coordinating additional ushers for the Christmas Masses.

Welcome New Knights

Council 10062 is happy and proud to welcome Frank Blanco and Matt Codi.

Men of St. Joseph Corpus Christi Men's Ministry

- Upcoming 2021 Events
- February 3 — 6:30 pm
- Speaker Event: Dcn. Bob Evans
- Author of Walking the Parables of Jesus
- Topic: The Major Underlying Themes of Scripture
- Feb 10 – Book Club 4 at 6 pm
- Feb 17 – Book Club 5 at 6 pm
- Feb 24 – No Meeting (Lenten Mission)
- Mar 3 – Speaker Event at 6:30 pm

Burrito Breakfast! -

O.K., so we couldn't hold a pancake breakfast because of the "P" word (that's "pandemic" in case you're curious), but we were able to hold our very first Burrito Take Out Breakfast on Sunday, December 6. Sorry about the delay in getting pics out. GREAT JOB, EVERYONE. Thanks Bob Truxes for coordinating this.





Bishop Olmsted's Statement on the Inauguration of President Biden

January 20, 2021

The Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix, [released today the following statement](#) on the inauguration of President Biden:

Today I join in prayer with Archbishop Gomez for President Biden as he begins his role as President of the United States. He takes on this task amid many troubles and tensions in our culture and world. It is my firm hope that the God who speaks to every human heart will strengthen him and give him wisdom for the years ahead.

[I gratefully support Archbishop Gomez's statement to President Biden](#), which speaks powerfully to our role as bishops and, more fundamentally, Catholics in this historic moment. Indeed, as bishops we are committed to work with every elected official and government beyond partisan dichotomies for the good of our brothers and sisters across the country. There likely will be strong disagreements and shared passionate goals with President Biden and his administration, as there has been with every administration, but I pray that this work will be fruitful. As did the Good Samaritan, Christ humbled Himself and came into our world to care for the broken and defenseless. So, we, as His followers, desire to labor side by side with all people of goodwill to anoint a wounded world with the oil of love and the wine of fraternity.

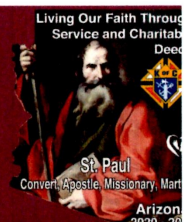
Rooted in the Good News that Christ died and rose again, confident that this power of new life is still at work in the world, we proclaim the truths that He has revealed through His Word and His Church with the integrity required of this role. "Thus, should one regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God" (1 Cor 4:1). So as we engage with secular authorities and teach our people, we seek to offer guiding principles and form consciences that our work may be truly that of healing.

Essential in these principles is the right to life of every human person. The tragedy of abortion remains for the U.S. bishops the "preeminent priority," for the dignity of the human person is damaged at every level of this act. Millions of unborn lives have been lost, women scarred, and families broken. This damage is happening at a higher rate in minority communities and for those children that would be born with disabilities. Thus, our desire for fraternity and solidarity demands that we call for justice for all who have suffered and all who are at risk from abortion.

Therefore, it is my prayer and sincere request that President Biden hear the cry of the poor and work with Church leaders to craft just policies that respect the right to life, the needs of parents, and the essential role that families play in the health of our country. Healing is possible. If we can work together in the light of Jesus Christ, His grace will be sufficient to bring new life to a fractured and alienated people.

Entrusting ourselves into the hands of our Heavenly Father who probes every mind and heart, we commit ourselves again to prayer and cooperation. May the Lord in His love and goodness guide President Biden with His grace that he may strive to build up the common good of all people, especially the most vulnerable, in our country.

Arizona State Knights of Columbus The Worker, Patron of Fathers, Zealous defender of Christ.



These are a few of the titles of St. Joseph. These are also some of the titles as Knights we should aspire to. Pope Francis has declared this year to be The Year of St. Joseph.



Holy Family

The Knights of Columbus is geared towards Catholic Men to help you achieve these goals! Join now at: www.kofc.org/joinus

"About a year ago, I was asked to do a picture of the Holy Family by Brother Bill Breen of Council 13272 in Oro Valley. Perhaps his reason behind wanting the picture is more important than the picture itself. It's simple, Bill is dedicated to his immediate family and his parish family. Taking on the example of St. Joseph, as head of his family, is something all of us Knights should do. Especially given the times we are living in."
Mark Koeppen, FA, Artist



*Chapters were written. Most left us smiling. Some left us in tears. The final chapter was read and no matter how prepared we are, we don't want the story to end. Until we all meet again...
We thank you, our Brother.*