

Knights' Knots

Corpus Christi Council 10062

December, 2023

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Dec. 7 Council Meeting in RE Rooms 5 & 6 at 7 PM

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There are not enough words to express my thanks and appreciation for all our Council continues to do together.

Let us move forward to accomplish great things while serving God, the Church, the Parish Community and all we can who are in need. .

Wishing all Brothers of Council 10062 and their families a Peaceful Advent Season.

*Merry Christmas
and a Happy and
Holy New Year!*

*Vivat Jesus
Bob and Evie Truxes*



ADVENT

Sunday, December 3 to
Sunday, December 24



CALENDAR

Please note - some event dates and times are subject to change. Please attend Council meetings and watch for future alerts for details.

December, 2023

Dec 2 - Knights' Kids

Dec 3 - ADVENT begins

Dec 3 - Pancake Breakfast 6:00 AM - 12:30 PM Parish Center (serving 8 - 11:30 AM)

Dec 7 - General Council Meeting -7 PM in RE Rooms 5 & 6

Dec 9 - Citrus Harvest at Miles Jesu (tentative)

Dec 9, 10 - Keep Christ In Christmas poster display (Courtyard)

Dec 18, 19 - Fiesta Bowl Driving (DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE - Watch for details)

Dec 21 - Leadership Meeting -7 PM in Rooms 5 & 6 (open to all)

Dec 25 - Christmas Day

Dec 26 - Fellowship Breakfast at Biscuits 8:15 AM

Dec 27 - Fiesta Bowl Driving

January, 2024

Jan 1 - New Year's Day -Happy New Year!

Jan 2 - Driving Event (TENTATIVE—ACTUAL DATES TBD)

Jan 4 - Council Dinner 6:00 - 6:30 PM / General Council Meeting 7:00 PM (Parish Center)

Jan 13 - Free Throw Contest (details to follow)

Jan 18 - Leadership Meeting 7: 00 PM RE rooms 5 & 6 (open to all)

Jan 23 - Fellowship Breakfast at Biscuits 8:15 AM

DRIVERS NEEDED

for the following events, please keep your calendar open!!!

Fiesta Bowl: December 26, driving done the week before and after this date. WATCH FOR DETAILS!!!

WM Phoenix Open: February 5-11, driving done three weeks prior and two weeks after.

Updated info will be forwarded as we get closer to these dates.

This is an opportunity to socialize with fellow knights (and their friends)!

Also note you can bring family and/or friends to drive with us.

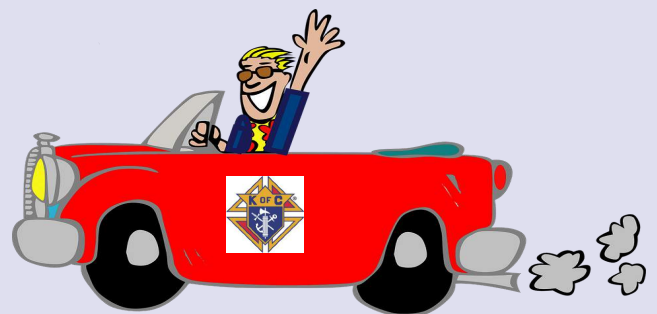
We are also working on some perks for those who drive, info available when we get it!

Vivat Jesus!

Bill Steinkemper

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Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 3

6 AM to about 12:30 PM



**WE
NEED
YOU!**

Prep, cook, serve, clean up, etc. All hands are welcomed. SET and food handlers cert required. If you cannot help in the kitchen or dining area, please support the event with your attendance. Doing both is always best! Thanks.



Make Time to review your Financial Health Before year-end.

Although December is busy with holiday activities and the weather is perfect for being outdoors, be sure to do a financial review to ensure you have considered actions that may need to be taken before year end. Consider reviewing the following items if they are applicable to your situation.

1. Take your Required Minimum Distributions, or you may be subject to penalties
2. Check your Flexible Spending Account Balance or make your Health Savings Account contribution
3. Make year-end charitable contributions
4. Review 401(k) and IRA contributions
5. Plan for life events
6. Review your estate plan
7. Review insurance policies
8. Review your beneficiaries

Please reach out to me to schedule an appointment to discuss your individual situation. I look forward to working with you to achieve your financial goals.



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December General Council Meeting

Thursday, Dec. 7
will be held in
RE Rooms 5 & 6
at 7 PM

Thank you.

Citrus Harvesting At Miles Jesu Has Begun

Saturday, November 25 marked week one of the citrus harvesting season at Miles Jesu. Brother Al Sambrano coordinated the event. Father Johnson was also part of the crew. You too, can join in the fun!





SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
starting at **7:30 AM**

**It's Our
16th
Year!**

Knights' Kids

at JCPenney

Make 2023 the year **YOU** help the Knights of Columbus shop and clothe as many as 50 young people at "Knights' Kids". Participation is open to all. Ask any Knight. (Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent. SET required).

Donations of any amount are needed and there is no time like the present to send in yours.*

Please make checks payable to
"Knights of Columbus 10062 Charities, Inc."
Mail checks to:
Knights of Columbus 10062 Charities, Inc.
3550 E. Knox Road
Phoenix, AZ 85044
Please note "Knights' Kids" on the memo line.

Volunteers are needed. There is no other general Council meeting prior to the event. Please attend the November Council or Planning meeting for details.

OR USE


Scan the QR code below to connect to our payment portal. PayPal app download may be required



*Estimated cost of clothing is \$135.00 per child.



***“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior;
'tis Christ the Lord... that's what Christmas is
all about Charlie Brown.” - A Charlie Brown Christmas***

Poor Charlie Brown, the youth who spent 50 years of his life as an 8 year old boy. He was bullied by the girl next door, he couldn't kick a football, or strike out any batter, his dog skated rings around him, and to top it all off he had to have Christmas explained to him by his younger friend who had a security blanket and sucked his thumb. You thought you had it bad.

I think anyone who ever read *Peanuts* could, in one way or another, relate to Charlie Brown. I for one am reminded of my very brief tenure as a Little League pitcher, where in a short ½ innings work I almost caused the mercy rule to be enforced. Whatever it was for you I know that at one time or other we all felt Charlie's pangs at the loss of a Christmas spirit in our lives, or at least in the world we see around us. We know what Christmas is all about as I believe Charlie Brown did, but can't understand why we do not see people's actions reflecting what is not a mere holiday but a *holyday*.

Christmas is a season of joy, a festive season of social gatherings, of bright decorations and music, of food and of drink; an outward expression of the joy we feel inside. But Christmas comes, the decorations come down, the bills come due and we find ourselves asking, does the *joy* remain.

There are two types of joy St. Cardinal Newman reminds us, “*earthly or outward, heavenly or inward, and... we may easily place the former in the place of the latter.*” This being the case the joy we feel at Christmas will never remain past the brief festive season unless the inward spiritual joy is paramount. If it doesn't it is why everything seems to fall flat after the rush of the holidays. We will have a hard time focusing on what the joy is really all about.

This Christmas will our internal, *spiritual*, rejoicing keep pace with the external or will we sink under the weight of worldly cares, as we seem to after each and every Christmas? Our lives after all are really pretty good. We may at times feel as hapless as old Charlie Brown, but the reality is that we are the spir-

itual children of a god who became man and chose to dwell among us and *through Jesus Christ grace came to us, and truth.* (John 1:17) That is worthy of an everlasting joy, even if we sometimes have the need to be reminded of it by a pint-sized theologian with a security blanket.

The grace of God our Savior, has dawned on all men alike, schooling us to forego irreverent thoughts and worldly appetites, and to live, in this present world, a life of order, of justice and of holiness; looking forward, for the blessed hope, to the day when there will be a new dawn of glory, the glory of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ. (Titus 2:11-13)

Vivat Jesus and Merry Christmas

Robert N. LaCroix, PGK



**Optional Opening Prayers:**

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls,
and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.
O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy,
envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

Repeat three times:

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of
Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

Our Father

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 us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Amen

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;
blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen.

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

Communal Rosary Schedule

Rosary Monday through Saturday at 7:45 AM

Family Holy Rosary - Sunday at 4:30 PM

Rosary for Youth - Tuesday at 5:30 PM

Life Rosary - Thursday at 6:30 PM



For more information, please visit the parish web site
corpuschristi.org/communal-rosary

Schedule of Upcoming Novenas:

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception:
Now through December 8

For each of the five decades

On each "Our Father" bead of the rosary, pray:

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of
Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our
sins and those of the whole world.

On each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads, pray:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the
whole world.

Concluding prayer (repeat three times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have *mercy on us*
and on the whole world.

Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion
inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that
in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but
with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is
Love and Mercy itself.

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Thank you - GK Bob Truxes, Sam Chamoun,
PGK Mike Moore, Bill Steinkemper, PGK Bob LaCroix,
Mark Waypa, Gary Kwapiszeski. We miss you, Jim.

"In A Word" has been discontinued. However any rebuttals,
comments or concerns regarding the content of this publication
may be sent to JulTiritilli@gmail.com.

**Corpus Christi
Council 10062**

Phoenix, Arizona





2023 Blood Drive Results Announced

Our final Vitalant Blood Drive of 2023 was held in the Parish Center on Sunday, November 12th, which put the bow on a very successful year! Over the course of three blood drives held this year in March, July, and November, Corpus Christi Knights, parishioners and local community members completed a total of 151 successful donations, which is one of the highest annual numbers for the council and parish in quite some time. This number is likely even more impactful as it includes 7 to 10 regular donors who give some extra time in the chair at each drive to complete Power Red Donations which provide twice as many red blood cells in a single donation for use in critical patients. Because each single whole blood donation can be separated into various components and help three different people, Corpus Christi's efforts this year had the potential of helping 453 individuals in need! Looking at our blood drive totals for the past three years, we have collected 406 donations since early 2021 which may have helped up to 1218 different individuals with their urgent needs for blood. If that isn't having a meaningful impact on the lives of others, I don't know what is! These are impressive numbers -- and we are so appreciative of all who so unselfishly donate their time to give the gift of life.

I am very thankful for the number of donors that have turned up for our Council Blood Drives, and the steady group of regular appointment holders, many of whom make their appointments for future drives while they are still in the donor chair. We are also blessed to have a solid core of a dozen or so Knights and family members that routinely donate when they can. There are about 250 members in the Council. For the future, let's see if we can get 25 members of our Council to be regular donors at our future drives. That's in the ballpark of 10% of our membership, a very reasonable and attainable goal in my view.

Many of you may have heard me share this fact at council meetings... Only 3% of the eligible US population donates blood on a regular basis, if at all. Let that sink in for a minute... 3% of all eligible adults across the United States are providing the stability of our emergency blood supplies. I can't speak for you, but that scares me a little bit... Under the mantle of charity, and our commitment as protectors of life, as Knights we can and should do our part to ensure our local blood supplies are there when our neighbors (and possibly we) need them in an emergency. If you or your family members have never donated before, please think and pray about joining us at a future blood drive, and let me know if I can help answer any questions.

Our 2024 Blood Drives are scheduled with Vitalant and will be held on March 10th, July 21st, and November 10th. Each drive will be held in the Parish Center with appointments available from 7:30am - 12:30pm. Walk-ins are always gratefully accepted. Thank you to all who supported this effort in any way during 2023, and we are looking forward to another successful series of Blood Drives in 2024.

Vivat Jesus,

Mark Waypa
Blood Drive Chair



HERE'S JUST SOME OF WHAT YOU'VE MISSED IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING THE MEETINGS...

WE'VE GOT A NEW DEEP FRYER!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE PLANNING NOW!

GOLF LEAGUE IS FORMING!

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST JUDGING AT THE DECEMBER MEETING

DRIVERS NEEDED FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

WE ARE BRINGING BACK THE FREE THROW CONTEST!

PROGRAM CHAIRMEN NEEDED FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES. VARIED LEVELS OF TIME AND EFFORT. MORE INFO AT THE MEETING.



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.



All on our lists...

Please reply to Grand Knight's email should you have any changes to the list of our departed Brothers and family members and the list of those in need of prayer for improved health. The list is emailed monthly. Thank you.

God our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan,
You called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor.



Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.

Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast.

We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will.

Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request).

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Thanks to all who attended our Memorial Mass in November.



Why the Beard Growth This Past Month?

Thank you to all who showed support of Bishop Dolan and the Diocese of Phoenix Mental Health Ministry by growing out your beard during the month of November.

For more information on the new ministry and a brief history of Bishop Dolan's calling to start this ministry, please visit dphx.org. Thank you.

Arizona State Council

Newsletter is available to all. Web address below. Please copy and paste into your browser. Past issues are also available. Thank you.



<https://kofc-az.org/state-newsletter-kocoa>



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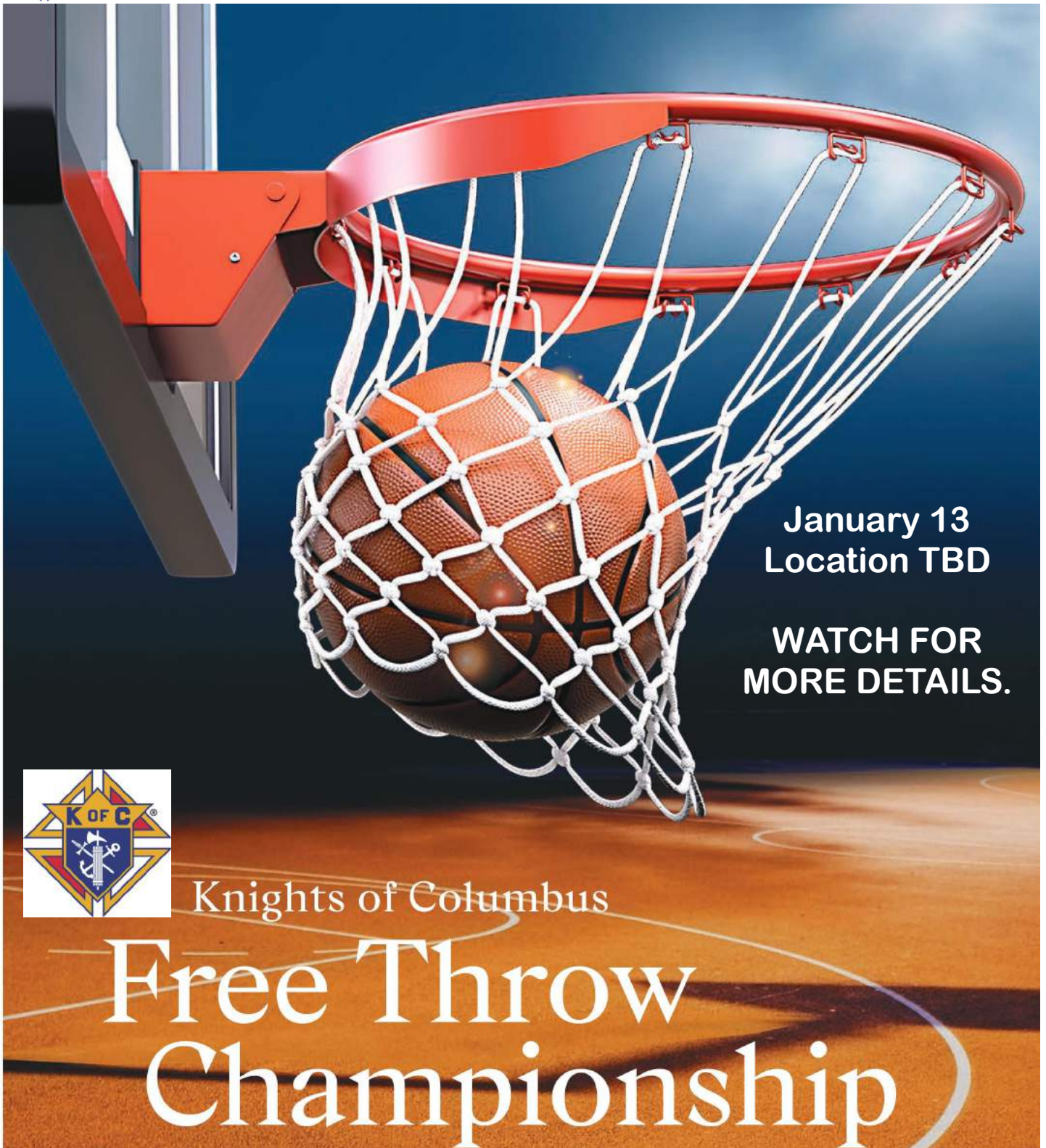
Gary Kwapiszeski, Field Agent

Call me today to review your coverage and to plan for the protection of your family...

If getting your finances in order is one of your goals, please reach out to me at **480-701-1305**

or email gary.kwapiszeski@kofc.org.





January 13
Location TBD

**WATCH FOR
MORE DETAILS.**



Knights of Columbus

Free Throw Championship

Faith In Action

Community

Coming in January. Volunteers needed. Details at the December General Council and Planning Meetings. Questions - Jul Tiritilli 480-250-2208 or email...JulTiritilli@gmail.com



Please note - Required Training!

Diocese Of Phoenix Safe Environment Training

The mission of Safe Environment Training is to prevent sexual, physical, or emotional abuse and/or neglect of children and young people through continued education, building awareness, and maintaining a commitment to keeping all children and young people safe. Different training sessions are designed for parents, youth, and volunteers serving in ministries.

Training is available ONLINE! Class descriptions, requirements and registration are available at **phoenix.cmconnect.org**.

The Diocese of Phoenix is committed to protecting all children and youth by offering abuse prevention educational sessions. All adult volunteers must complete the initial Safe Environment for Lay People Foundation Training. This program teaches the steps that can be taken to prevent child sexual abuse.

Additional requirements include:

- Complete a volunteer application
- Attest to the Code of Ethics
- Consent to a background check

The Diocesan Policy and Procedure for the Protection of Minors requires annual training for:

- All Clergy
- Employees
- Volunteers that directly serve minors
- All Minors - each year, in Children's Faith Formation classes, in grades Pre-K through high school, every student participates in a Safe Environment program during their class time.

All other parish volunteers must renew Safe Environment training every other year.

Renewal training is offered online for all subsequent years.

Happy Birthday

12/1 John Deg
 12/3 Michael Sherman, Bryan Toth
 12/4 Len Adams, James Lobue
 12/5 Christopher Donohue, Joseph Pezzuto II
 12/6 Clark Norgaard
 12/7 Jeff Christian 12/8 Ted Kennedy
 12/9 Joseph DiFrancesco
 12/10 Edward Bach, Sam Chamoun
 12/11 Greg Palmersheim
 12/12 Mazzan Kattan, William Quebrado
 12/14 Richard Doyle 12/15 Edward Pellegrino
 12/17 Andrew Lishko
 12/18 Hermenegildo Almaria
 12/19 Daniel Bordenet
 12/26 Peter Troglia
 12/28 Charles Mumman. Jim Zemaites
 12/30 Mark Hoye
 12/31 Vince Salotti



GOT YOURS?

eFoodHANDLERS' card



For More Information, please visit...

<https://www.efoodhandlercard/invite/306c2b>

The Kitchen in the Corpus Christi Catholic Church Parish Center is classified as a "commercial" kitchen. ALL working in the kitchen are REQUIRED to hold a valid Food Handlers certificate issued by the State of Arizona.



At the November Council Meeting, District Deputy Rob Padia presents PGK Mike Moore with the "Founders Award" for accomplishments in the 2022/2023 year.



PGK Chris Rausch and Blood Drive Chair Mark Waypa roll up the sleeves and donate during another successful Blood Drive in November. Len Adams fills in at the registration table while Mark is at the donation chair. Thank you to all who gave or helped with the drive. For more information on the drives this year, please see the article on page 7.



Council 10062 welcomes two new members who received the CUF degree on Nov. 6. Gianluca Fonte and Javier Bravo are pictured with State Deputy Tom Kato and again below with members of the Degree Team and others who attended. Please be sure to say "hello" to Gianluca and Javier.



Christ the King Eucharistic Procession

Sunday, November 26



Thank you members of the Color Corps for your participation in our procession.





*May the Peace, Joy and Love
found in the Gift of the Birth of
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
be with each of you and yours this Christmas.*

Merry Christmas!