



Knights of Columbus Council 7243

Serving St. George Parish and the Local Community

FIRST QUARTER 2023 NEWSLETTER

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Welcome Brothers, family and friends to the next quarterly edition of the St. George Knights of Columbus Council 7243 Newsletter. Allow me to introduce myself. I am Robert (Bob) Stewart, your recently elected Grand Knight. I am serving the unexpired term of Past Grand Knight, Joe Skamel, who has moved to Globe, AZ.

I joined the Knights about 8 years ago and transferred to our council as a 3rd degree. I recently advanced to the 4th degree and really enjoy the camaraderie of Council 7243. I am also an usher and Eucharistic Minister for St. George Parish.

My wife Joan and I have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and a great grandchild due at the end of July. I was born in Watertown, NY. From there the family moved to Colorado and on to Anaheim, CA. After graduating from Mater Dei High School, Joan and I were married, following which I worked as a technician in the computer field before joining the Army. After Honorable Discharge I returned to being a technician in the computer industry, advancing to a position as national technical manager in the traffic signal industry. From there I worked for a company installing cellular telephone towers before working as a handyman for the last 10 years before retiring.

As always, if you have family, friends or know someone who would like to be a Knight, talk to them and invite them to join. Sometimes it is a matter of just asking.

Thank you in advance for your help and support. I pray that I will be a good Grand Knight as I have some big shoes to fill. Vivat Jesus. Bob Stewart

GENESIS PROJECT SUPPORT



Brother LB White presents a \$500.00 donation from Council 7243 to Trinity Cole, Executive Director, Genesis Project, whose focus is on the homeless population in and around Apache Junction. Located at 564 N. Idaho Rd. Suite 5, Apache Junction, it is a 501(c)3 faith-based non-profit soup kitchen, whose mission is to feed, clothe and hydrate the hungry and homeless. Anonymous donations of \$500 and \$200 from Brother Knights brought the total to \$1,200.

ST . GEORGE BLOOD DRIVE



Deacon Paul and Larry Beckwith co-chaired the event, which was successful, despite some startup issues, which will be addressed in future drives. There were a total of 26 donations which equates to 78 lifesaving blood products. Robby Johns, Vitalant, expressed his appreciation for our support to sponsor the blood drive. Deacon Paul has secured agreement from Monsignor Pinti to use the Social Hall for the next blood drive, which has been set for Monday June 26th.



Knights of Columbus Council 7243

Serving St. George Parish and the Local Community

STATE RAFFLE TICKET SALES

State Raffle Ticket Sales Chairman Matt Campbell reports the 2023 ticket sales are now complete. It was a huge success. He thanks everyone for buying and selling raffle tickets. Total sales are \$13,104, which means we exceeded our goal, resulting in a 10% bonus for St. George, who will receive \$7,207.20, in spite of losing one Sunday's worth of sales due to inclement weather. In addition to the time and effort put in by Matt, we thank Bob Mohle, LB White, Jim Garcia, Dennis Hale, Lyle Schunk, Rick Buckingham, Doug Hughes, John Hennessey, Mike Mullarkey, Bill Amatucci, Jim Tracy, Rich Zollner, Joe Yarina, Greg Boyer, Don Martens, Jim Kennedy, Neil McMillin, Bob Stewart, Armindo Castelhana, Larry Beckwith, Jay Ingraham, Deacon Paul Rokosz, and Roman Flores.

WEB SITE UPDATE



Doug Hughes continues to do an outstanding job as Webmaster for our council web site. (See the above screen capture.) It can be accessed by going to www.kofc7243.org.

Doug continues to add functionality to the menu list of items (e.g., see the ONLINE STORE button.) He has added a BLOG section where items of current interest are available for viewing. You can sign up for email alerts when new items are posted.

Please send your constructive comments to Doug so he can filter them into future updates—Doug Hughes <papadhughes@gmail.com>. We need lots of pictures as the current version has very few.

LIFE TEEN SPAGHETTI DINNER



Christine Ollive thank you. I would like to say thank you to all! It was a beautiful evening. It was so wonderful to be able to do the Spaghetti Dinner again. First one without Fr. Stan (inside). The kids were wonderful - the Knights were fantastic!! It is a big project. We could not have done this without your support!

I am so very grateful to you - and am so very pleased to see us come together as ministries supporting one another. I would like to continue to work on that part of our relationship.



Knights of Columbus Council 7243

Serving St. George Parish and the Local Community



From Matt Campbell, Program Chairman:
Thank you for supporting the Youth Spaghetti Dinner!
And a special thank you to the cleanup crew, Armindo Castelhana, Rene Lesieutre, Doug Hughes, Bob Stewart, Larry Beckwith, Mike Mullarkey, Swede Jurgenson, Denis McDonald, and myself; and the cooking crew Monsignor, Rich Zollner, Deacon Paul, Larry Beckwith and myself! Christen Ollive's group did a great job. It was nice seeing the teens working together.
Best estimate is around 500 people were served.

UPCOMING SUNDAY BREAKFASTS

This is one of our major fundraisers. Breakfasts will be held on the third Sunday of the month, starting in May and continuing monthly through September. Dates are May 21st, June 18th, July 16th, August 20th, and September 17th. Program Chairman Doug Hughes sent an email asking for volunteers to help, and the response has been very positive. He and Tom will work on planning the overall volunteer effort to spread out the work across all the masses supported, much like the Lenten Meal approach. Current thinking is to have a supervisory committee and work crews for the kitchen, dining room, registration desk, membership/greeters, ... Doug and John Hennessey will work out a detailed schedule for who does what and when.



Scenes From Past Breakfasts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mothers' Day Prayer Card Distribution, May 13th and 14th
- Fathers' Day Prayer Card Distribution, June 17th and 18th
- Arizona State Convention, May 19th and 20th, Embassy Suites, Scottsdale
- Sunday Breakfasts, May through September, Third Sunday
- Council Officer Elections for FY23-24, June 12th Council Meeting

ELECTIONS

Officer Slate for FY22-23. We are getting very close to needing our officer slate finalized. The slate of officers for the 2023 – 2024 fraternal year must be voted on at the Council meeting on June 12, 2023 after it is presented to the Council on 5/8/2023.



Knights of Columbus Council 7243

Serving St. George Parish and the Local Community

Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Current status: as reported by Trustee Tom Wolf, Chairman of the Nominating Committee:

Elected Positions

Grand Knight	Vacant (Incumbent, Bob Stewart)
Deputy Grand Knight	Vacant
Chancellor	Vacant (Incumbent, Joe Lorden)
Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Pinti
Recorder	John Hennessey
Treasurer	Vacant
Advocate	Vacant (Incumbent, Dennis Hale)
Warden	Vacant (Incumbent, Ralph Abeyta)
Inside Guard	Vacant (Incumbent, Neil McMillin)
Outside Guard	Vacant (Incumbent, Greg Boyer)
Three Year Trustee	Vacant (Incumbent, Matt Campbell)
Two Year Trustee	Vacant (Incumbent, Tom Wolf)
One Year Trustee	Vacant
Lecturer	Jim Lutz

Appointed Positions

Financial Secretary	Doug Hughes
Lecturer	Jim Lutz

ULTRASOUND PROJECT

This project falls under the auspices of the Supreme Council's Culture of Life Grant Program, which matches 100% of the donation. There have been 500 ultrasound machines procured under this program, with 17 in the state of Arizona.

The council officers voted unanimously to authorize \$1,000 for the state ultrasound program, part of which is returned to the council. Assembly 2943 opted to match the council's donation, for a total of \$2,000.

LENTEN MEAL MARCH 31ST

Program Chairman Don Martens reported the Lenten meal was a great success. We served 96 guests. The clam chowder and pea soup were gone first. The only one left for takeout was tomato. We had an excellent choice of breads to go with the soup. We were all cleaned up and the alarm was set promptly at 6 pm, as planned.

There were many compliments from the guests to go around.

It was a team effort. We had three crews (Kitchen, Serving Line and Social Hall) with staggered start and stop times to spread the load. Thank you all for being there to help. We had some new Brother Knights and Sir Knights participate. All told we had 21 volunteers, including three wives. There was even time for a little socializing in the afternoon.

For the record, the Kitchen Crew volunteers were cooks Don Martens, Rich Zollner and Greg Boyer; and for support Joe Yarina, John Czerwinski and Bob Mohle. The Serving Line Crew volunteers were Doug Hughes, Larry Gill, Armindo Castelhana, Jay Ingraham, Bill Amatucci and Ralph Abeyta. The Social Hall Crew volunteers were John Hennessey, Mike Mullarkey, Neil McMillin, Jim Tracy, Rick Buckingham, Sheri Amatucci, Pat Hennessey, Colleen Hughes and Jim Garcia. Several volunteers served in multiple roles.