



Knights of Columbus Council 7243

Serving St. George Parish and the Local Community

FIRST QUARTER 2024 NEWSLETTER

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights, Friends and Family.

We have lost a few of our Brother Knights in the last few months, may their souls rest in peace. This has brought to mind a few questions. We do not know the day or the hour the Good Lord will call us. Are we ready spiritually? Have we helped our loved ones prepare for our death?

By choosing a mortuary ahead of time, arrangements can be made that will help the family in this time of need. There is a lot to consider and the more we plan ahead, the easier it will be for those we leave behind. Everything from cremation or burial to which readings at your service, to an executor of your last will and testament or living trust are only a few of the many issues that need to be planned. This is not something that is easy to discuss with family members but is very important. The more that can be discussed and planned now, will make it easier for your family and friends during their time of grief.

For information that will help you, ask for help at the church, a mortuary and/or friends that have been through it already.

Vivat Jesus,

GK Robert Stewart

stew490505@gmail.com

HOPE WOMEN'S CENTER DONATION THANK YOU CARD

Thank You card from Hope Women's Center for Council 7243's donation of \$8,647.18 to the Hope Women's Center of Apache Junction. The monies were 100 percent of the proceeds from a baby bottle fundraiser to support its Pro-Life Programs, including Aid and Support After Pregnancy.



Words can't express how thankful we are for your generosity and kindness as we ended 2023. This past year, we served over 1,700 women and teen girls, our largest number to date, because of the support and partnership of friends like you!

We look forward to celebrating our 40th anniversary this year and expanding many of our programs to serve even MORE women and children in 2024!

*With Gratitude,
Hope Women's Center Staff & Board*



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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. There is a Blog section where items of current interest are available for viewing. You can sign up for email alerts when new items are posted.

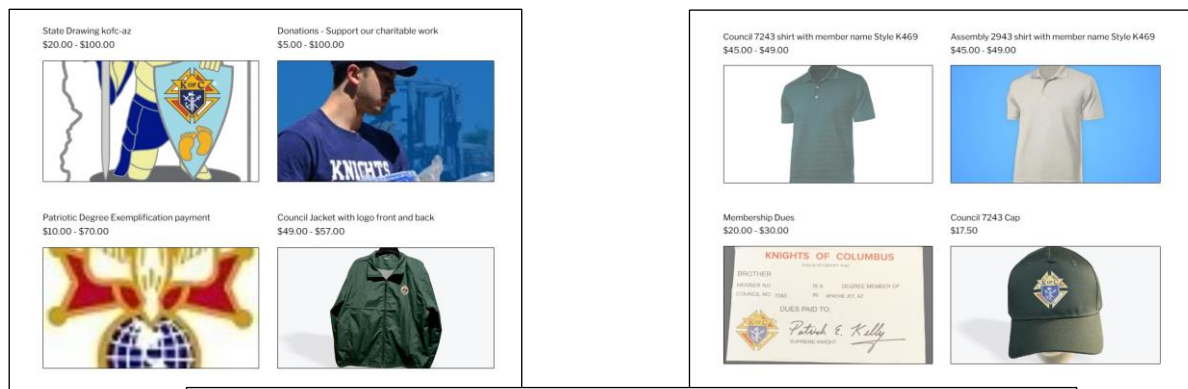
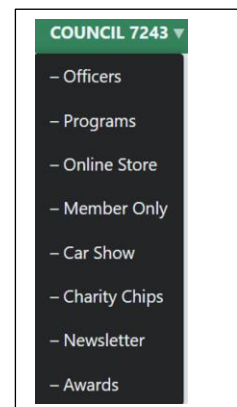
Please send your constructive comments to Doug so he can filter them into future updates—Doug Hughes
<papadhughes@gmail.com>. We need lots of pictures as the current version has very few.

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE STORE (kofc7243.square.site)

Online Store

Our online store offers:

- * K of C Wearables such as Council and Assembly shirts and Ladies badge
- * Membership card payments
- * Fundraisers such as Charity Chips, State Raffle Tickets, Breakfast tickets and general donations



A Few Options Available at the Online Store Tab, Under Council 7243,
From the Main Menu. Check It Out.



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FEBRUARY 19, 2024 BLOOD DRIVE WAS AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

As noted in the Church bulletin, the Knights of Columbus thanked all those who attended last week's Blood Drive. We had 56 registered donors resulting in 125% of donor goal and 185% of product goal. Vitalant stated that this was their most successful blood drive this year and all of last year! Further, these blood donations will help save as many as 126 people in our community hospitals. Thank you to all donors for sharing this "gift of life".



Pictured are KofC volunteers, left to right, Armindo Castelhana, Steve Dunn, Larry Beckwith and Deacon Paul Rokosz.

FEBRUARY 23RD LENTEN MEAL

The February 23rd Lenten meal was a great success. We served 112. There were positive comments all around. The New England clam chowder was gone first. The pea soup and minestrone were available for takeout. We had an excellent choice of breads to go with the soup. Unopened loaves of bread were donated to the Food Pantry. We were all closed up and Deacon Paul set the alarm at 6 pm, as planned.

It was a team effort all around. Thank you all for being there to help. We had some new Brother Knights participate. All told we had 26 volunteers, including three wives. There was even time for a little socializing in the afternoon.

Volunteers were Rich Zollner, Roman Flores, Greg Boyer, Tim O'Neil, Joe Yarina, Deacon Paul Rokosz, Doug Hughes, Bob Stewart, Ralph Abeyta, Armindo Castelhana, Rene Lesieutre, Bob Mohle, Matt Campbell, John Hennessey, Neil McMillin, David Hanf, Bill Amatucci, Jim Tracy, Joe Konieczka, Sheri Amatucci, Colleen Hughes and Pat Hennessey.

Crew Leaders were Rich Zollner, Program Chairman and Kitchen Crew Leader; Doug Hughes, Serving Line Crew Leader; and John Hennessey, Social Hall Crew Leader.



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YOUTH SPAGHETTI DINNER

Letter of thanks from Christine Ollive, Director of Religious Education

To the Knights:

Our Spaghetti Dinner was a success - and the Knight's were truly instrumental in making that happen! I am so very grateful to all that came out and helped. This is a big event and your efforts on behalf of our parish and our teens is so appreciated. Thank you again for all you do. You are all truly wonderful.

With a grateful heart and much appreciation,

Christine

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| a. Patriotic Degree Exemplification | May 5 th |
| b. State Raffle Drawing | May 18 th |
| c. Council Elections | June 10 th |
| d. Sunday Breakfast | May 19 th |
| e. Memorial Day Celebration | May 27 th |
| f. Sunday Breakfast | June 16 th |



Part of the Volunteer Crew for the Spaghetti Dinner

FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

To follow-up, contact Grand Knight Bob Stewart or Program Director Doug Hughes.

FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

Please list your preferences for those Faith in Action programs you would be interested in volunteering at or attending.

| FAITH | FAMILY | COMMUNITY | LIFE |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Interest in Programs Designed for Faith Formation | <input type="checkbox"/> General Interest in Programs Designed to Strengthen Families | <input type="checkbox"/> General Interest in Programs Designed for Community Service | <input type="checkbox"/> General Interest in Programs Designed to Create a Culture of Life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Into the Breach | <input type="checkbox"/> Family of the Month | <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Preparedness | <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Refugee Relief |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pilgrim Icon Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Keep Christ in Christmas | <input type="checkbox"/> Free Throw Championship | <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Rose |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Build the Domestic Church Kiosk | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Fully Alive | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer Challenge | <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy Center Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rosary | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Week | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping Hands | <input type="checkbox"/> Aid & Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Reflection | <input type="checkbox"/> Consecration to the Holy Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest | <input type="checkbox"/> Novena for Life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Hour | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Prayer Night | <input type="checkbox"/> Coats for Kids | <input type="checkbox"/> Mass for People with Special Needs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sacramental Gifts | <input type="checkbox"/> Good Friday Family Promotion | <input type="checkbox"/> Global Wheelchair Mission | <input type="checkbox"/> March for Life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Food for Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat for Humanity | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Olympics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Ultrasound |
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