



# Knights of Columbus Council 7243

*Serving St. George Parish and the Local Community*

## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Hello Brothers,

It is with my greatest pleasure that I welcome you to Council 7243's first edition of the quarterly newsletter. We have been using Zoom for our virtual council meetings since the Church locked down. There are many reasons that not all of our members have been able to join the Zoom meetings. One of the purposes of this newsletter is to be able to communicate with all our members and maybe future members. There are several topics in this newsletter focusing on the things we have been involved in, are involved in and are accomplishing. I believe even during this pandemic you will be surprised of all the things we have done. As always, we need your input to keep this council interesting and involved in good works. None of us are authors, so please let us know where we are lacking and hopefully where we have hit the mark. Let's keep looking forward.

### FUND RAISING UPDATE

*Council 7243 has a history of supporting both church and local programs, e.g., the Boys and Girls Clubs, St George Student Scholarship Ministry, Families in Need programs, ...*

*This year has been a challenging year with the COVID 19 virus pandemic. It has affected the council directly, with our meetings going remote, hindering our interaction with church parishioners and our ability to raise funds, e.g. Car Show and breakfasts, to support these various programs and ministries. In order to continue our support for these valuable programs, we need to identify new sources of donations to maintain our program budgets.*

*Your leadership team has explored various fundraising programs that would minimize direct contact, require minimal manpower and produce similar to greater fundraising success in donations. The new fundraising events we have identified going forward are a charity auction managed through Your Charity Auction and the 100 Club, a 50/50 type Token Monthly drawing program. Each has the potential to raise in excess of \$5,000. We are still committed to supporting our traditional fund raising activities such as the Annual Car Show, proceeds from which go to the Boys and Girls Club and Parish Breakfasts.*

*100 Club. Once a year sale of 100 tokens at \$100. Approximately half of the money brought in would be used for the prize money. Each month a 1st and 2nd prize drawings are made of \$300. and \$100., for \$4800 total in annual prize money. The remainder, or \$5200, is kept by the Knights for charity. This is a ~50% profit margin. Our goal is to have all the tokens sold by year end, with monthly awards commencing in January.*

*Your Charity Auction (YCA). This is an on-line fundraising, silent auction, with a wide selection of products and K of C opportunity to obtain higher value products. Completed entirely on-line with a profit margin ~15-85%. Go to <https://yourcharityauction.com> for more information. Additionally, we have confirmed a volunteer familiar with YCA, who is available to manage the program. Our goal is to have the auction begin October 4<sup>th</sup>, and run for 4 or 5 days.*

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### WEB SITE



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Doug Hughes has volunteered to be Webmaster for our new web site. See the attached screen capture. It can be accessed by going to [www.kofc7243.org](http://www.kofc7243.org).

It is a work in progress. There are a few things not connected relating to social media as we have not yet established our Facebook and Instagram connections. Other than that, please send your constructive comments to Doug and he can filter them into future updates--Doug Hughes <[papadhughes@gmail.com](mailto:papadhughes@gmail.com)>. We need lots of pictures as the current version has very few.

## YEAR TO DATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Recap of things we have accomplished during this year:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• St Joseph's Youth camp- cash donation</li><li>• State Raffle Ticket Sales at St George</li><li>• Donations to St George Food Bank -cash donation</li><li>• Priests and Seminarians monetary donations</li><li>• Boys and Girls Club -cash donation</li><li>• Keep Christ in Christmas – Youth Poster Competition awards - cash</li><li>• Rosary Celebration, viewed online</li><li>• Our Lady of Undoer of Knots State Rosary Celebration Ad -cash donation</li><li>• Christmas cards via church bulletin</li><li>• Leave no neighbor behind<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Arranged for Covid shot appointment.</li><li>○ Rides to Covid injection location.</li><li>○ Retiled and restored a bathroom, yard cleanup.</li></ul></li><li>• Reached out to Brother Knights to how they there are doing.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thanksgiving food distribution traffic control</li><li>• Christmas present distribution traffic control</li><li>• Drive Through Communion while the church was shutdown for 2 weeks</li><li>• Drive Through Communion during the pandemic for those parishioners who choose not to attend church in person</li><li>• Distribution of ashes during Ash Wednesday.</li><li>• Conducted Council Meetings virtually.</li><li>• Funeral masses for fallen Brother Knights and FR Stan.</li><li>• Wheelchairs: one donated to a community member at large; one donated to a Brother Knight.</li><li>• Provided Mother's Day and Father's Day prayer cards to the parishioners.</li><li>• Steve Ezyk published several articles in the Apache Junction-Independent Newspaper promoting council activities to the local public.</li></ul>
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## MEETINGS

Supreme has changed the requirements for council meetings. Councils are required to hold two meetings per month. One is a council meeting for all members. The purpose of this meeting is to build fraternal spirit, to share information, to strengthen formation in the faith, and to present matters that require the vote of council members. Meeting agendas are structured so as to last less than one hour and are scheduled for the second Monday of the month at 7 pm. The other monthly meeting is an Officer's Planning meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to plan programs, develop budgets, pay approved bills, prepare motions, discuss new ideas, and deal with other necessary matters. Council officers, directors, and chairpersons are required to attend this meeting. The meeting is open to any council members who wish to attend. Meeting agendas are structured to cover all necessary items, may last more than one hour and are scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm.

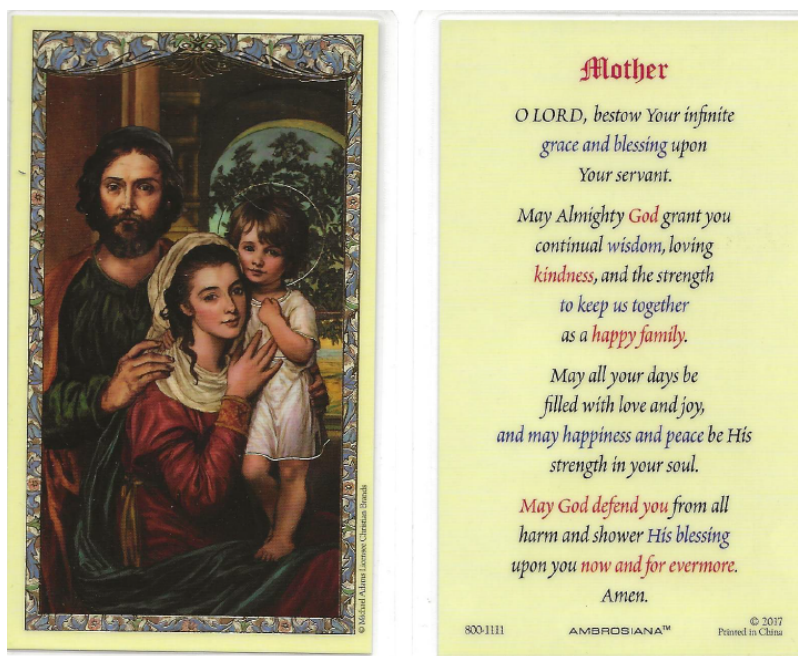


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## MOTHER'S DAY AND FATHER'S DAY PRAYER CARDS

Family Director Larry Beckwith proposed the council honor the mothers and fathers of the parish by handing out prayer cards on Mother's Day and Father's Day. He had done some exploratory work with St. George gift shop personnel and found a suitable prayer card for Mother's Day (see attached). Similar cards in honor of St. Joseph will be procured. Brother Knights handed out cards at the entrances to church on Mother's Day, with Father's Day distribution planned. It was noted this will increase the visibility of the Knights and will help with planned membership drives.



## OFFICER ELECTIONS

Council 7243 FY21-22 Officer Slate

### Elected Positions

Grand Knight, Matt Campbell  
Deputy Grand Knight, Bob Mohle  
Chancellor, Joe Skamel  
Recorder, John Hennessey  
Treasurer, Ken Zudycki  
Advocate, Dennis Hale  
Warden, Swede Jurgenson  
Inside Guard, Don Martens  
Outside Guard, John Czerwinski  
3rd Year Trustee, Tom Wolf  
2nd Year Trustee, James Mc Cafferty  
1st Year Trustee, Bill Motl

### Appointed Positions

#### By Grand Knight

Chaplain, Rev. Monsignor Domenico Pinti  
Lecturer, Larry Beckwith

#### By Supreme

Financial Secretary, Doug Hughes

#### Program Directors

Program Director positions will be established following the election of officers.

**REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS PROGRAM (RSVP).**



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Financial Secretary Doug Hughes proposed we consider participation in the RSVP program this fraternal year. Doug noted the higher purpose of the program is to keep the faith alive by supporting our seminarians and postulants. As the strong right arm of the church, Knights of Columbus are committed to providing moral, financial and spiritual support to our future priests and religious at all stages of their formation. RSVP counts for two credits toward the Columbian Award. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council refunds the council or assembly \$100. The council approved donating \$500 to Luis Pablo Ochoa-Escarrega, St. George Seminarian. See attached photo. Note: Assembly 2943 made a similar award to postulant candidate, Sister Evelyn Rose.



Financial Secretary Doug Hughes  
presenting \$500 RSVP check to St.  
George Seminarian Luis Pablo  
Ochoa-Escarrega

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVES

We are planning to be much more active this year in recruiting new members. We welcome new member Joe Skamel, a recent transfer from the Globe Council, who has agreed to be Chancellor, a key position for membership recruitment. This will be an agenda topic for all future council meetings. Be sure to read the meeting minutes to keep up to date if you are unable to attend.

## VARIOUS

*\$1,000 Check Presentation to the  
Superstition Mountain Branch of the  
Boys' and Girls' Club  
Program Director Steve Ezyk (l),  
Interim Director Angie Davis (c), and  
Grand Knight Matt Campbell (r)*







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*Keep Christ in Christmas Poster  
Contest Winners  
David and Lucia Jallo, with Awards  
and Family  
Larry Beckwith, Family Director, not  
pictured, coordinated the contest.*



Founder's Award Plaque  
Council 7243  
PGK Tom Wolf  
2019-2020 Fraternal Year.

Deacon Candidate Paul Rokosz Mass  
Celebration with Monsignor Pinti and  
Brother Knights in Attendance.





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Chalice Presentation to Seminarian  
Luis Pablo Ochoa-Escarrega with  
Monsignor Pinti and Tom Wolf

