



# Knights of Columbus Council 7243

*Serving St. George Parish and the Local Community*

## SECOND QUARTER 2022 NEWSLETTER

### Final Council 7243 Officer Slate 2022-2023

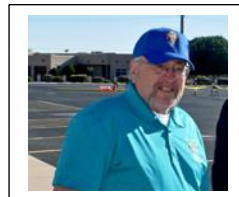
#### Elected Positions

Grand Knight	Joe Skamel
Deputy Grand Knight	Jim Garcia
Chancellor	Joe Lorden
Recorder	John Hennessey
Treasurer	Ken Zudycki
Advocate	Dennis Hale
Warden	Ralph Abeyta
Inside Guard	Neil Mc Millin
Outside Guard	Greg Boyer
3rd Year Trustee	Matt Campbell
2nd Year Trustee	Tom Wolf
1st Year Trustee	James Mc Cafferty

#### Appointed Positions

Financial Secretary	Doug Hughes
Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Pinti

### MEET YOUR NEW GRAND KNIGHT



Brother Joe Skamel graciously accepted the position of Grand Knight, succeeding Past Grand Knight Matt Campbell. Joe has been a Knight for almost forty years filling several Council and State positions in that time. He has filled the position of Grand Knight with distinction several times ensuring the success of previous councils. He was appointed Financial Secretary of Council 1158 and served in that position for over eight years until selected for state office. He reformed a Patriotic Assembly as Faithful Navigator after it was inactive for many years functioning only as an adjunct to one Council. He served as District Deputy for an Eastern Arizona district for over four years bringing cohesiveness to that district.

Brother Joe has been happily married to his wife Marsha for six years after he lost his wife Martha after 49 years of wedded bliss. They were the parents of a son, Joseph of Mesa, and daughter, Kathleen of Wisconsin. Marsha was the spouse of Sir Knight, Albert O'Brien, who passed in 2014 after many years of illness for which she lovingly tended him.

Brother Joe is a retired Air Force Master Sergeant and E.H.S. Coordinator. He is interested in family genealogy, and the recording of burial information at rural cemeteries. He is also a long time model railroader and loves to cook, contributing his culinary talents to support our Council Breakfasts.

### YOUR NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM

### COUNCIL THANKS BROTHER BILL MOTL FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE

For those who study the Leadership Team organization chart you might observe the absence of Brother Bill Motl's name. Last year he served as one year trustee and with the succession of GK Campbell to the three year trustee role this year, Bill stepped down from a leadership position. Having served the council as Grand Knight, Trustee and Financial Secretary he will take a well-deserved break from officer duties. He will be involved in council activities, and will be available to consult with the leadership team as needed.

### COUNCIL AWARD PRESENTED TO PAST GRAND KNIGHT MATT CAMPBELL

Under Good of the Order, Acting Grand Knight Hughes recently presented an award to Past Grand Knight Matt Campbell in recognition of his leadership as Grand Knight the last two years during which we won both the STAR Council Award and the Columbian Award two years running. He received a healthy round of applause.

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

Brother Knights were on hand to personally hand out prayer cards to mothers and fathers on their respective days of remembrance. Over 900 cards were handed out for each day.



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## 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, Seminarian and Postulate education assistance, Food Pantry, Pregnancy Centers, Ultrasound Machines, Community Outreach, ... The support takes many forms, from financial donations to sponsoring programs in the church and the community to providing volunteer labor. Our most recent fund raising endeavors involve sales of Charity Chips and KofC State Raffle tickets.

### CHARITY CHIPS SALES

Charity Chips Round 1 sales were so well received we were able to begin drawings early (11/08/21.) We have held 9 monthly drawings thru 07/11/22. Due to the positive response, we have instituted token sales for Charity Chips Round 2, with in-person sales taking place after all masses on March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The sales effort was very successful. Thanks to all who braved the record heat to sell the Charity Chips and State Raffle Tickets: Ralph Abeyta, Doug Hughes, John Hennessey, Bob Mohle, Dennis Hale, Joe Skamel, Dave Hanf, Bill Amatucci, Greg Boyer, Larry Beckwith, Neil McMillin and Armindo Castelhana, and for everyone who purchased a chip/ticket. Per the accompanying screen capture from the web site we have sold 51 tokens to date.

Note: Charity Chips are available by contacting GK Skamel or FS Hughes, or on-line at our web site.

### Charity Chips – Round 2



Round 1 of our Charity Chip program was a great success. It sold out in just over a month. There has been strong interest in having a round 2 of the program to allow our winter visitor parishioners to have an opportunity to participate as well as our year round parishioners.

Sold to date

51

Quantity available

49

### STATE RAFFLE TICKET SALES

We had another banner year for state raffle ticket sales. We turned in \$12,250 at the State Convention, which put us into the bonus category. The total award to St. George is \$6,737.50.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Charity Chip Round 2 Token Sales Continue Until We Reach 100 Total Sales
- Charity Chip Round 1 Drawings Continue
- Installation of Officers Following 4 pm Mass on Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>, Light Refreshments to Follow
- Sunday Breakfasts Continue, August 14<sup>th</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup>
- Arizona Rosary Celebration, Oct. 15 Tucson 10:00 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. St. Augustine Cathedral. Oct.16 in Phoenix 2:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M. Phoenix Convention Center.
- Car Show, Saturday October 29th

### PAST GRAND KNIGHT MESSAGE

PGK Campbell thanks each and every one for allowing him to serve as the Grand Knight for the past 2 years. We have overcome a lot during that time, including the Pandemic, having virtual meetings on Zoom, the Church shutdown, Communion in the parking lot, Church service online and wearing masks at Mass. Even with all this, our Council did well. We won the Star Council twice during this time period. Unfortunately, we had several members pass away. We also expanded our membership. One of the things we had to do better was keep our members better informed via improved communications. This resulted in sending out agendas for the meetings, followed by meeting notes that were sent out electronically for council approval, issuing a quarterly newsletter, and developing a website, KofC7243.Org. We established the ability to use credit cards at our charity events. With the breakfast fundraisers shutdown due to COVID, we had to come up with different ideas to raise money, establishing fundraiser ideas. We were able to raise a sufficient amount of money to help support our charitable endeavors. I know in the future we can do even more. Overall, it was a good two years. Best of everything to our new Grand Knight Joe Skamel, the Officers and the Council. Thank you.



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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](http://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](mailto:papadhughes@gmail.com)>. We need lots of pictures as the current version has very few.

## SUNDAY BREAKFASTS CONTINUE

Breakfast Committee Chairman Tom Wolf announced our May, June and July Sunday Breakfasts were very well received, with August and September to follow. We have had outstanding support from our Brother Knights (see attached photo.)



Brother Knights participating include Deacon Paul, Monsignor Pinti, Ralph Abeyta, Larry Beckwith, Greg Boyer, Kevin Buresh, John Czerwinski, Matt Campbell, Steve Ezyk, Conrad Gorney, Dennis Hale, Dave Hanf, John Hennessey, Doug Hughes, Swede Jurgenson,





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Joe Lorden, Jim Lutz, Don Martens, Neil McMillan, Bill Motl, Pat Prezioso, Phil Priolo, Gil Rollins, Joe Skamel, Robert Stewart, LB White, Tom Wolf, Rich Zollner, and Ken Zudycki. We served 180 on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 203 on June 12<sup>th</sup> and 152 on July 16<sup>th</sup>.



Scenes From June 16<sup>th</sup> Breakfast.

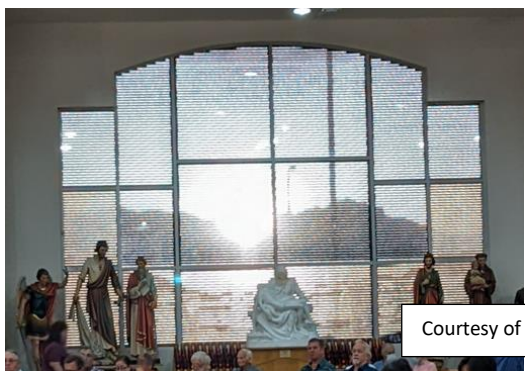
## MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION 2022

Mountain View Memorial Gardens



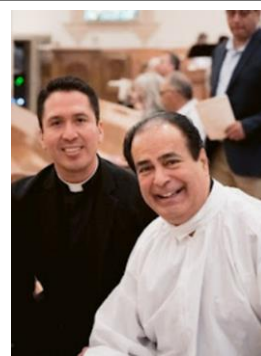
Center, Msgr Pinti; L to R: Dennis Hale, John Czerwinski, Doug Hughes, Don Martens, Jim Garcia, Bill Motl and Tom Wolf

## PALM SUNDAY SUNRISE OVER SUPERSTITIONS



Courtesy of Jim Garcia

## DEACON LUIS PABLO AND MSGR PINTI





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## IN REMEMBRANCE OF FATHER'S DAY

Having recently been made aware of the writing talents of our Brother Knight John Czerwinski, and having just celebrated Father's Day it only seems appropriate to acknowledge what he wrote some 51 years ago dedicated to his Father. Thank you John from all of us.

### "Fathers"

Dedicated to my dad

Fathers come in various sizes, tall, short, thin, and portly.  
Some have black hair, some brown, blond, gray or white.  
Some wear their hair long, some short, and some well some wear theirs very short.  
Fathers have angry voices when you are bad, happy voices when you're good and tender voices when you're hurt.  
They are the only ones who will go to the sit through three westerns, eight cartoons, and a short feature just so you can see what happens to the good guy who in the last chapter drove his car off a ten-thousand-foot cliff and just think there are only twenty more episodes to go.  
He is the Sunday tourist guide while riding in the car, an authority on sports and is supposed to answer almost any question put to him by the family.  
He is never too tired to play ball, run to the store, roller skate around the block, fix something or take the baby for a stroll.  
He is never frightened and he never cries like a mother does.  
He is very smart, he knows all about building model airplanes, boats and cars, and best of all he makes kites.  
He reads you the very best stories about, "Billy Whiskers," "Uncle Wiggly," "Robin Hood," and "Treasure Island."  
And, when you are older, he can tell you exactly where and how to use bigger and better books.  
He knows all about Algebra and how to conjugate verbs in Latin.  
He fixes things like toasters, flat bicycle tires, dolls with detached arms and legs, and little loops that hold lockets on tiny chains.  
He is the guy that you wake up at six o'clock in the morning on his day off.  
The one to whom mom says, "Dear, I really do need a new hat." Sis chimes in, "There is this wonderful groovy dress in the window of this store" while, he has his shoes resoled the second time.  
We make a fuss over him on Fathers Day, but he sacrifices for us three hundred and sixty-four days a year.  
And after an exceedingly hard day at work, when most everything has gone wrong, a special dream has to be put off or given up.  
When discouragement flourishes all around, the most wonderful thing in the world happens.  
A little brown-headed ragamuffin streaks in, throws his arms around your neck and says,  
**"HI DAD! GEE I MISSED YOU TODAY!"**

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