



Knights of Columbus Council 7243

Serving St. George Parish and the Local Community

SECOND 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.

It is an honor and a blessing to serve as Grand Knight. Together with the other council officers we have a tremendous leadership team. Since joining St. George Council 7243 I have come to realize what the Knights of Columbus really are. The principles of the Knights of Columbus, Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, are highly visible in this council. Through the actions of the council, I can attest that Vivat Jesus (Jesus Lives).

Being a member of the Knights of Columbus is a calling and over 2 million men worldwide have responded to it. God has given us all many blessings and the best way I have found to thank Him is by giving back. We as a council support 39 different charities. This giving back is what I have done with my Brother Knights, and I ask you to do the same.

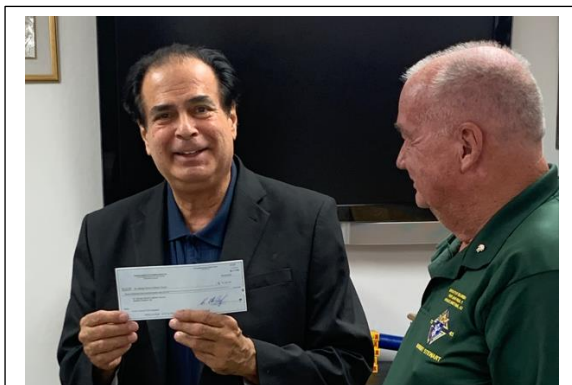
I will close my message by sharing with you a brief prayer. *Dear Lord, We ask you to give us the strength to refuse to be conformed to the patterns of this world. Help us instead to be transformed by the renewing of our mind so that we can understand Your good and perfect will in our life.* Vivat Jesus. GK Bob Stewart

2023 ST. GEORGE BLOOD DRIVE ROUND #2



Deacon Paul and Larry Beckwith co-chaired the event, which went very well. The indoor venue was much appreciated by sponsors, donors and volunteers as well. We had 37 donors, about twice what was anticipated. Plans are underway for another drive in the fall time frame.

STATE RAFFLE TICKET SALES SUMMARY



Check for proceeds from the State Raffle ticket sales, \$7,207.20 was presented to Reverend Monsignor Pinti June 5th by Grand Knight Robert Stewart.

STATE-WIDE WINNERS. SORRY, NONE FROM ST. GEORGE, BUT THE GRAND PRIZE WINNER WAS FROM NEARBY QUEEN OF PEACE.

Prize	Amount	Council	Council Name	City
1st	\$ 10,000	9446	Queen of Peace	Mesa
2nd	\$ 7,000	4584	Bishop Salpointe	Sierra Vista
3rd	\$ 5,000	2493	Verde	Cottonwood
4th	\$ 3,000	17036	Rev John C Borley	San Tan Valley
5th	\$ 2,000	16277	Fr Louis Anthony Sigman	Chandler
6th	\$ 1,000	17893	St Nicholas	Sun City West
7th	\$ 500	13836	St John Paul The Great	Tempe
8th	\$ 500	10441	Deacon Raphael Ray Longpre	Tucson
9th	\$ 500	15376	St Augustine	Tucson
10th	\$ 500	11809	Our Lady of Lourdes	Sun City West



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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 (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.

PREGNANCY CENTER SUPPORT



Hope Women's Center in Apache Junction is a no-abortion women's center that supports KofC ideals. Last year we approved a \$250 donation to the organization. This year a motion was made and seconded to donate \$2,000 to the organization. The motion passed unanimously. KofC Supreme, through its Culture of Life Grant Program will donate \$100 for every \$500 the council donates, bringing the total donation up to \$2,400.

By way of background, Hope Women's Center was founded in 1984 as a small crisis pregnancy center in Apache Junction. Today, Hope is a safe place for women and teen girls facing any difficult life situation. Hope Women's Center is a faith-based nonprofit funded by partnerships with individuals, churches, civic groups, businesses, grants and foundations, and other community partners.

FIRST QUARTERLY SOCIAL NIGHT



The initial social night was well attended and well received, and included families as well as individuals and couples. There was a lot of social interaction, and many attendees were reluctant to leave at the end.



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JUNE 18th SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Brothers:

I want to thank all Brothers who came out and helped with the June breakfast. Over 20 responded to the call. We served some 150 patrons, down somewhat from last month probably because it was Father's Day. Our income, however, remained high. We grossed \$1,563.72. After expenses, we netted \$1,055.03, of which the Council received \$738.52 and the Assembly \$316.51.

Way to go everyone! Our next breakfast is scheduled for July 16th. Please mark your calendar and come and assist us again.

Thanks and Vivat Jesus!

Tom Wolf, Breakfast Coordinator



June 18th Crew: (Left to right): Matt Campbell, Joe Lorden, Ralph Abeyta, Greg Boyer, Neil McMillin, Larry Beckwith, LB White, Dave Hanf, Tom Wolf, Joe Yarina, Don Martens, Doug Hughes, Roman Flores, Brandon Clark, Bob Stewart, Jim Lutz.

MEMORIAL DAY



Assembly 2943 was well represented at the Memorial Day Wreath celebration/presentation at Mountain View Cemetery.

Left to right, Sir Knights John Czerwinski, Rev. Msgr. Pinti, Bill Motl, Doug Hughes, Rene Lesieutre and Tom Wolf.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Installation of Officers, Council and Assembly, July 29th
- Sunday Breakfasts, August 20th and September 17th
- Reverend Monsignor Pinti Cornerstone Gala, September 8th
- Car Show, October 7th
- Rosary Sunday, Tucson, October 14th
- Quarterly Social Night, Date To Be Announced

FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Program Director Doug Hughes we have a total of 39 programs we support as a council. Following is a list of potential programs prepared by Supreme from their recent annual survey of Brother Knights interests. Please review the list and contact Grand Knight Bob Stewart or Doug if you are interested in getting involved.

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
<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
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MEMORIAL DAY PROJECT





Every year on and around Memorial Day, the staff at Mountain View Cemetery donate items for the homeless and vets in need in the area. They also sponsor a program for Memorial Day, on the Cemetery grounds on Memorial Day free of charge for all the military organizations in the area and anyone else wanting to participate. This year the 4th degree Knights of Columbus, of St. George Roman Catholic Church, in Apache Junction, AZ. purchased and presented 288 toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste for the staff at Mountain View to distribute to the homeless and vets. Included is picture of Miss Hilary Samples, the person in charge of the project at Mountain View, Faithful Navigator SK John Czerwinski, and Faithful Comptroller, SK Douglas Hughes along with a sampling of the articles donated. We presented Miss Samples with a certificate of grateful appreciation and thanked her for her efforts and those of the Mountain View Staff, these past years.



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ANNUAL CAR SHOW



19TH ANNUAL
"SHOW YOUR RIDE" CAR SHOW
Saturday, October 07, 2023

Benefit for the Boys and Girls Club of Apache Junction

Hosted by The Knights of Columbus
Council #7243

St. George's Catholic Church
300 E 16th Ave.
Apache Junction, AZ

Free Hot Dogs & Water

CARS, TRUCKS, AND MOTORCYCLES

Contact Person: Joe Lorden 480-773-8707
Cost - \$25.00 Includes T-Shirt. The first 75 entries receive a dash plaque. (Make checks out to Joe Lorden)
No Classes Plaques awarded by "People's Choice"
Registration Time - 8:00am to 10:00 am Saturday, October 07, 2023
Early entrants can mail check to Joe Lorden at 556 E. Montebello Ave. Apache Junction 85119

Don't forget that the Car Show has been scheduled for the first week in October as opposed to its usual schedule of the last week of the month. It will be here before you know it.

Chairman Lorden reports preparations are underway for the October 7th Car Show. The format and events will be the same as past years. As always, we are in need of prizes and donations.

Joe is being assisted by Steve Ezyk and Bill Amatucci and a host of other volunteers.

LADIES GUILD CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Certificates for the Ladies Guild members in the Gift Shop who assist us in procuring Mother's Day and Father's Day Prayer Cards were presented by Larry Beckwith. This is our way of recognizing their invaluable support.



Certificates of Appreciation for Ladies Guild Members Rosemary Zollner, Pat Dearing and Laura Knutson (left to right.) Presented by Larry Beckwith.

BISHOP WEISENBERGER WITH FATHER LUIS PABLO AND HIS FELLOW PRIESTS FOLLOWING THE ORDINATION MASS JUNE 3, 2023

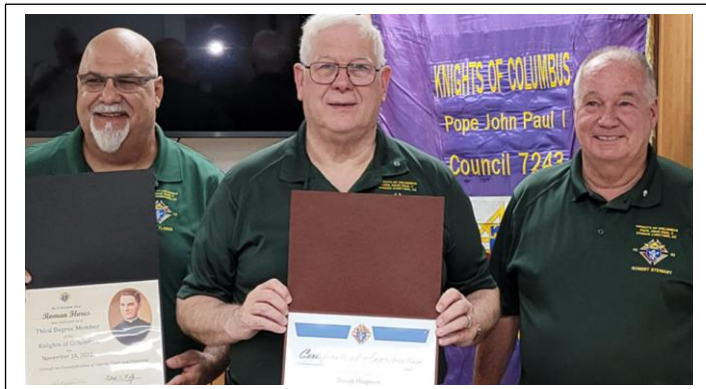




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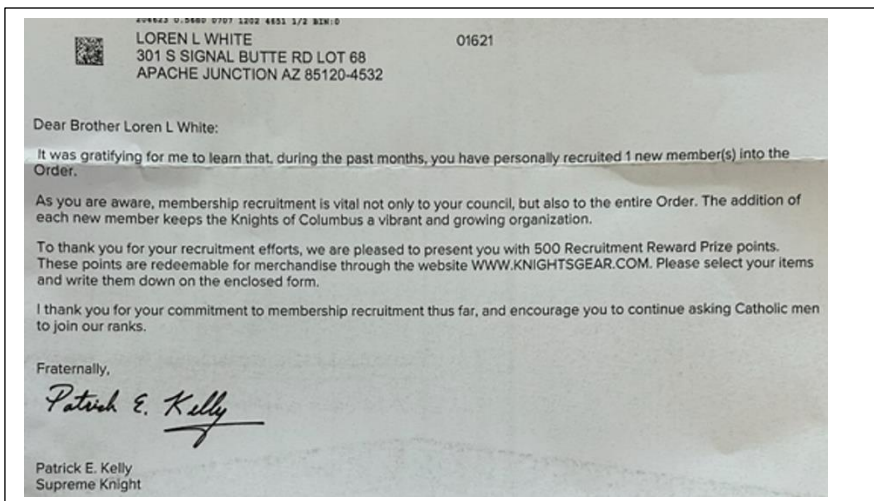
Grand Knight Stewart presents awards to Brother Roman Flores in recognition of becoming a 3rd Degree member and to Financial Secretary Doug Hughes in appreciation for all he does for the council.



Grand Knight Stewart presents the Knight of the Month award to Breakfast Coordinator Tom Wolf.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING

You too could be a recipient of a letter of thanks from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly for recruiting a new member. LB received his letter for recruiting Brandon Clark.



WELCOME TO ARIZONA ROSARY CELEBRATION 2023 HONORING MARY UNDER HER TITLE: OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

DIOCESE OF TUCSON

October 14, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

St. Augustine Cathedral

192 S. Stone Ave. Tucson, AZ 85701

Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger, Presiding

DIOCESE OF PHOENIX

October 15, 2023

2:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Phoenix Convention Center

33 S. 3rd St. - Halls F & G, Phoenix, AZ 85004

Most Rev. John P. Dolan, Presiding