



# Knights of Columbus Council 7243

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## THIRD QUARTER 2021 NEWSLETTER

### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Welcome Brother Knights, family and friends to our 2021 Fall Newsletter. A lot has happened since the last edition as you will see reading through this edition. I'm often asked, what are my favorite things about being a Knight of Columbus? There are many answers but with all that has happened in the world over the past year, I would say it is our brotherhood and how we care for one another. We have had sickness, death and sometimes just need someone to talk to. We Knights band together to do what we can to support those in need, whether it's physical work, offering prayers or just being there for emotional support. I am very grateful for these things and my Brother Knights.

Our Council has been awarded the 2020-2021 Star Council Award. It is a very prestigious Knights of Columbus award. This is quite an accomplishment, especially during the Pandemic. This could not have been achieved if it were not for the work and dedication of our Brother Knights. (Continued on page 5)

### STAR COUNCIL AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT BY SUPREME



## Congratulations!

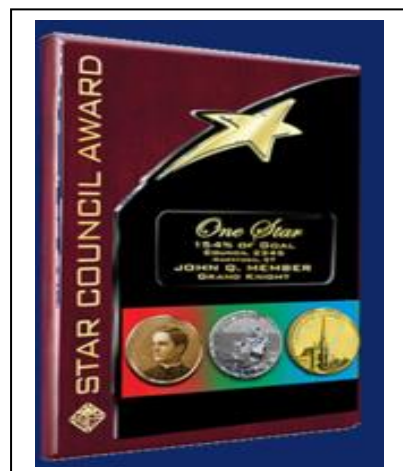
**Council 7243 has earned the  
2020-2021 Star Council Award!**

Worthy Brother Campbell,

Congratulations!

Council 7243 has earned the 2020-2021 Star Council Award, recognizing excellence in program activity, membership growth (100% of quota), insurance promotion, fraternal reporting, and Safe Environment compliance.

During this challenging year, your council adapted and continued to stand in the breach, serving your brothers, families, parishes, and communities. The Supreme Council is pleased to recognize these achievements and acknowledge the hard work of you and your brother knights.



### FUND RAISING UPDATE

Our major fundraiser this fraternal year is the 2022 Charity Chips, which is in full swing. We have already sold 52 chips, with 48 more to go before we start the monthly raffles. As can be seen from the insert, two prizes will be drawn at the monthly council meetings, starting in January 2022, and continuing through December. Odds of winning are roughly 1 in 4. Participants can win multiple times.



#### 2022 Charity Chips presented by

Pope John Paul I Council 7243  
Knights of Columbus Catholic Fraternal Organization based in Aqueduct, NJ

Knights of Columbus Council 7243 of St. George presents Charity Chips to help raise money for its charitable causes (food pantry, boys and girls club, student scholarships, support for seminarians and postulants and much more). Purchase a chip worth \$100 and you are entered in monthly 2022 drawings of \$300 (1) and \$100 (1). Each winning drawing is automatically reentered for each future monthly drawing.

Drawings will start when 100 chips are sold. Target is January 2022.

Starting 2nd Monday of January and each month for 2022. Drawings will be held at our council meeting and winners will be notified the next day. Winnings are paid within 7 days following notification.

Purchase of charity chips can be made by checks to K of C Council 7243, cash or credit card. Must be 21 years or older to participate.

**Full details can be found at the website:**  
[kofc7243.org/kofc-100-club](http://kofc7243.org/kofc-100-club)

**To purchase with a credit card, go to our online store:**  
[KofC-Council-7243.square.site](https://KofC-Council-7243.square.site)

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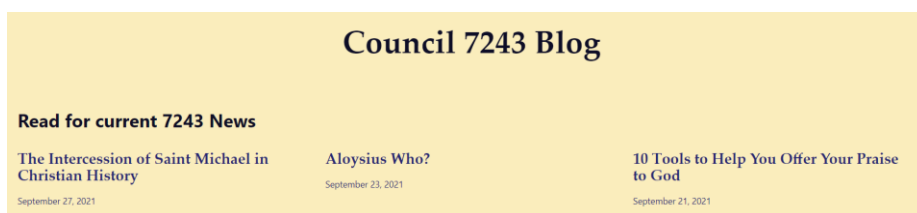
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## WEB SITE UPDATE



Doug Hughes has done an outstanding job as 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).

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.

## STATE RAFFLE TICKET SALES

We were notified at the State Convention that we were number three in the state for raffle ticket sales this past year. This is quite an achievement for a council of our size, especially in a pandemic year. Our thanks to Monsignor Pinti for supporting our ticket sales effort. As is our custom, the council incentive share of the proceeds was donated to St. George.



State Raffle Proceeds Check Presentation: (L to R), Matt Campbell, Tom Wolf, Monsignor Pinti and Doug Hughes.



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## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

One of the highlights of each fraternal year is the installation of newly elected officers by our District Deputy, assisted by the District Warden and our Chaplain, Monsignor Pinti. This solemn event reminds officers of their duties and obligations to the council and their Brother Knights.



Front row, left to right: John Czerwinski, Outside Guard; Matt Campbell, Grand Knight; Tom White, District Deputy; Dennis Hale, Advocate.  
Second row, left to right: Doug Hughes, Financial Secretary; Tom Wolf, Trustee, 3 Yr.; Monsignor Pinti, Chaplain; Joe Skamel, Deputy Grand Knight.  
Third row, left to right: Bill Motl, Trustee, 1 Yr.; Jim McCafferty, Trustee, 2 yr.; John Hennessey, Recorder.  
Fourth row, from left to right: Eric Scheer, District Warden; Swede Jurgenson, Warden; Kevin McCarthy, State Treasurer.  
Not pictured: Bob Mohle, Chancellor; Ken Zudycki, Treasurer; Don Martens, Inside Guard; Larry Beckwith, Lecturer.

## MASSES HONORING BLESSED FATHER MC GIVNEY



Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, patron and founder of the Knights of Columbus, is celebrated annually on August 13th across the universal Catholic Church. He was born on August 12, 1852 and passed away on August 14th 1890 at the age of 38. His Feast Day is celebrated on the 13<sup>th</sup> as it falls between those two days. Council 7243 celebrated at the Saturday and Sunday Masses August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Brother Knights carried a framed picture of Blessed Fr. McGivney to the Altar at each Mass. Monsignor gave wonderful talks about his life and his importance to the world. Thank you, Monsignor.





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## **SUNDAY BREAKFASTS ARE BACK**

We had a marvelous turnout for our breakfast this past Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. We sold a total of 189 breakfasts and received \$162.00 in donations. Our gross take was \$1,107.00. After expenses we netted \$714.45 of which 70% went to Council 7243 (\$500.12) and 30% to Assembly 2943 (\$214.33). The feedback from our diners was very positive and they can't wait for our next event, which is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021. We also sold 19 charity chips with many more to come. We are now at 51 chips sold. Again, the reactions of the diners was very positive. Thanks again for all who helped: Ralph Abeyta, Larry Beckwith, John Czerwinski, Conrad Gorney, Dennis Hale, John Hennessey, Doug Hughes, Swede Jurgenson, Joe Lorden, Neil McMillan, Bill Motl, Pat Prezioso, Phil Priolo, Gil Rollins, Joe Skamel, Tom Wolf and Ken Zudycki. Please put October 10th on your calendar and come and join the fun.



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## **NEW COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY SHIRTS**



Brother Knight Bob Mohle has identified an alternative source for both council and assembly shirts. They are Featherlite, and the fabric is moisture free and wicking, and include the member's name. Contact Bob for pricing and delivery.

## **COUNCIL 7243 MEMBERS RECEIVE 4TH DEGREE**

Knights of Columbus Council No. 7243 recently had three Brother Knights pass the exemplification process to become 4th Degree Sir Knights of Assembly 2943: Neil McMillin, Robert Mohle and Steven Ezyk. The fourth degree is the patriotic degree. It is the highest and most prestigious degree within the Knights of Columbus organization. Sir Knights are a group of outstanding members who are dedicated to the service of their church, their country and the order.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday Breakfast: October 10<sup>th</sup>
- Arizona Rosary Sunday Celebration.

 <b>Arizona Rosary Celebration</b> <small>PRAYING THE ROSARY AS A COMMUNITY FOR THE INTERCTIONS OF THE FAITHFUL</small>	<b>Tucson</b> <b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021</b> <b>10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.</b> <b>St. Augustine Cathedral</b> 192 S. Stone Ave., TUCSON, AZ 85701	<b>Phoenix</b> <b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021</b> <b>2:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.</b> <b>Phoenix Convention Center</b> 33 S. 3rd St., South Building, Halls F & G PHOENIX, AZ 85004

- Charity Chip Flyer Distribution: October 9th and 10th, November 20th and 21st and December 11th and 12th.
- Car Show: October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest: TBD.
- Ladies Guild Christmas Card Sales.

## HELPING THE ELDERLY

Community Director Steve Ezyk related how he became aware of an elderly woman who needed help cleaning up her back yard. He enlisted the assistance of Grand Knight Matt Campbell and they spent a Saturday morning clearing her property.



## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

We have been very limited in conducting fundraisers this year. Fundraisers are necessary to support our charitable endeavors. They are time consuming, requiring the Knights' participation, but the work is rewarding and freely given. We have two breakfasts scheduled this fall and everyone enjoys them, both the parishioners and the Knights—perhaps the Knights even more so than the parishioners. This offers a great way for camaraderie between the Knights.

There are other things happening this fall such as Rosary Sunday in Tucson and Phoenix. The annual St. George Car Show is a wonderful way to stroll down memory lane with vintage automobiles. Best of all the profits benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Apache Junction. We have a new fundraiser in progress called Charity Chips. It offers an exciting monthly cash drawing beginning January 2022. Other things to look forward to include: a K of C membership drive at the church, a Veterans Day Parade, directing traffic for the food pantry food distribution for Thanksgiving and Christmas, the Keep Christ in Christmas Religious Education poster contest and the K of C Christmas card donation to the St. George Ladies Guild Gift Shop. Please see all the details as you read this exciting edition!



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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. 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.

## MEETING TIMES CHANGED TO 5:30 PM

The following motion as approved by the council at the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting: Whereas the Council stands to gain more participation from our general membership from the majority of members who are at or are nearing the age where driving at night is prohibitive, the Officers move that the meeting times will be moved to a start time of 5:30 pm and the date of the general meeting will remain on the 2nd Monday of each month unless in conflict with National or Religious Holidays or planned activities by the St George Parish Community causing the meeting to be adapted to available room location or day of week. This decision will be updated by future motion as factors change. The motion was seconded, and approved unanimously.

## MONSIGNOR PINTI'S BIRTHDAY

Monsignor Pinti's birthday was August 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Trustee Tom Wolf for sending birthday greetings, along with a \$50 monetary gift, on behalf of the council. We are truly blessed as a council to have the unwavering and enthusiastic support of Monsignor Pinti, a Brother Knight. Images of the birthday card are shown.

