



Knights of Columbus Council 7243

Serving St. George Parish and the Local Community

THIRD QUARTER 2022 NEWSLETTER

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brothers: Thank you for your confidence in me in my election as your new Grand Knight. The St. George Council is the third council that I have been directly involved with and is the best of them all. The camaraderie and dedication of the officers with the ever-ready involvement of each member makes this one of the best, if not the best, council in the State of Arizona. I have served in almost every council office and understand the responsibilities and duties of each. I have also served many years as a District Deputy and have seen how several other councils and the state offices function.

I am proud to be involved with a council that has the full and continuous support of its pastor. Without his support we would be continuously 'swimming upstream' with the many programs and events that we sponsor. The recent St. George Car Show, the Sunday breakfasts, the charitable outreach programs, and our routine involvement in the ritual functions of St. George parish are proof that we are true catholic gentlemen. To this end our PGK, Matt Campbell, accepted our second consecutive Star Council Award in recognition of your efforts in many K of C programs.

I am confident that you will continue to support our programs in the coming months. The next three months will bring program opportunities along with the celebration of Christmas and the holiday of Thanksgiving.

Vivat Jesus

STAR COUNCIL AWARD PRESENTATION BY DISTRICT DEPUTY TOM WHITE



District Deputy Tom White presented the STAR Council Award to Past Grand Knight Matt Campbell, at the October 10th council meeting, making it two in row under Matt's leadership. This prestigious award recognizes excellence in programs, membership, insurance promotion, fraternal reporting and SAFE Environment compliance. As Worthy Grand Knight Skamel noted in his opening remarks, it is an honor not only for Matt but for each and every member of the council, all pulling together as we strive to live up to the three principles of our order: charity, unity and fraternity.



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FUND RAISING UPDATE

We have just completed the final drawing for Charity Chips Round 1. It was a great success. We distributed \$4,800 in winnings, with the council retaining \$5,200 to help support its charitable endeavors. In the background, without much fanfare, we have sold 59 Round 2 Charity Chips, leaving 41 more to go. Monsignor Pinti, a strong supporter of the program, has graciously allowed us to sell the remaining Round 2 Charity Chips the weekends of November 19th and 20th and December 10th and 11th.

WEB SITE UPDATE



Doug Hughes continues to do an outstanding job as Webmaster for our web site. (See the attached screen capture.) It can be accessed by going to www.kofc7243.org. Doug regularly adds functionality to the menu list of items. The BLOG section has items of current interest 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.

STATE RAFFLE TICKET SALES

WGK Skamel presented a check in the amount of \$6,737.50 made out to St. George Church to Deacon Paul, who accepted on behalf of Msgr Pinti, representing proceeds from the recent AZ Knights of Columbus State Raffle. This is quite an achievement for a council of our size as we continue to recover from the pandemic. Our thanks to Monsignor Pinti for supporting our ticket sales effort.





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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 Father Summerlie, who filled in for 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: Joe Skamel, Grand Knight; Dennis Hale, Advocate; Ken Zudycki, Treasurer; John Hennessey, Recorder.
Second row, left to right: Matt Campbell, Three Year Trustee; Father Summerlie, Acting Chaplain; Jim Garcia, Deputy Grand Knight; Ralph Abeyta, Warden; Greg Boyer, Outside Guard.
Third row, left to right: Tom Wolf, Two Year Trustee; Doug Hughes, Financial Secretary.
Not Pictured: Rev. Msgr. Pinti, Chaplain; Joe Lorden, Chancellor; Jim McCafferty, One Year Trustee; and Neil Mc Millin, Inside Guard.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST RESULTS

Brother Knights:

Thank you so much for all of your help in completing a very successful 2022 breakfast season. Thank you Msgr. Pinti for all of your support. The final results are:

Number of breakfasts: 5; Total breakfasts served: 830

Total sales: \$5,810.00; Total donations: \$1,195.00; Total expenses: \$2,388.90; Total net income: \$4,616.10

Net Income distribution - Council 7243: \$3,231.57; Assembly 2943: \$1,384.53

May you all have a very blessed holiday season. See you next year!

Vivat Jesus! Tom Wolf, breakfast coordinator, PGN, PFN

8/14/22: From left to right, Row 1: Jim Tracy, Conrad Gorney, Ralph Abeyta, Ed Matlosz, Tom Wolf and Bill Motl. Row 2: Don Martens, Ken Zudycki, Father Summerlie (Honored Guest), Greg Boyer, John Czerwinski and John Hennessey. Row 3: Larry Beckwith and Kevin Buresh. Not pictured: Joe Skamel, Joe Lorden, Doug Hughes, Dave Hanf, Jim Garcia, Jim Lutz and Matt Campbell (Photographer).



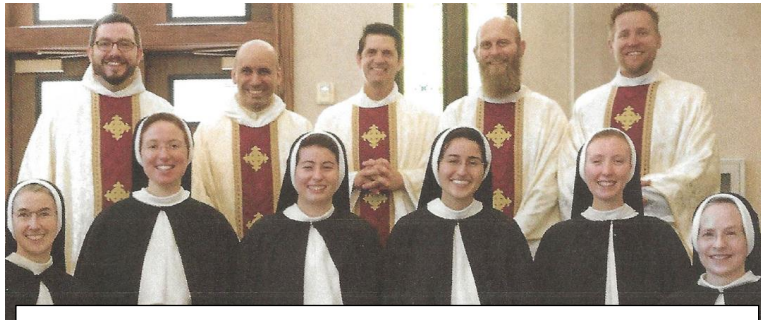


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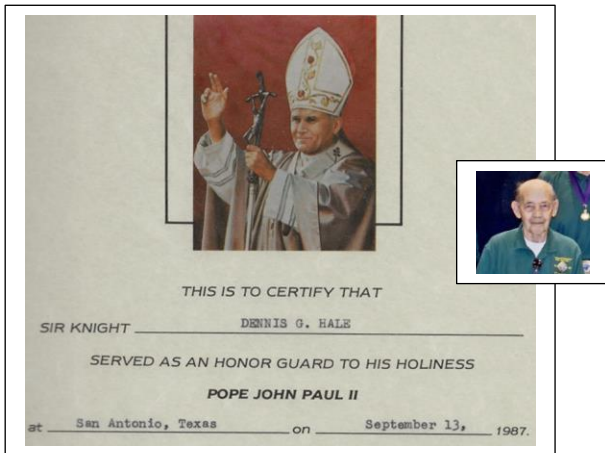
RSVP PROGRAM

Council 7243 and Assembly 2943 jointly participate in the RSVP Program. 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. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council refunds the council or assembly \$100. The council has supported Luis Pablo Ochoa-Escarrega, who was recently ordained a Deacon, while Assembly 2943 supported Sister Evelyn Rose, who recently received her First Vows. Her family is a member of St. George parish.



Sister Evelyn Rose, third from left, after receiving first vows.

DENNIS HALE PART OF HONOR GUARD FOR POPE JOHN PAUL II



As was announced at a recent council meeting, Brother Dennis Hale had the distinction to be an Honor Guard for the Mass said by Pope John Paul II on September 13, 1987 in San Antonio Texas. Dennis was one of 500 Sir Knights from the Midwest who shared this honor. The Mass was attended by over 350,000 faithful making it the largest single gathering in the State of Texas up to that time. Dennis reported this was a great honor and well worth the wait, having to arrive at 8 am for a 2 pm mass. He said he was within 3 feet of the Pope as he processed through the crowd. As we all know, Pope John Paul II was subsequently made a Saint.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Car Show: October 29th.
- Veterans' Day: November 11th
- Charity Chip Round 2 Sales: November 19th and 20th and December 10th and 11th.
- Thanksgiving Food Distribution Traffic Control: TBD
- Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest: TBD.
- Christmas Gift Distribution Traffic Control: TBD.



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COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Community Director Steve Ezyk recently enlisted the efforts of Matt Campbell, Luke Campbell, Chris Metcalfe, Mark Kalakay to assist him in cutting, weeding and cleaning up two backyards at 135 & 137 N. Drexel, Apache Junction. This was done for two elderly women who aren't mobile. They were extremely grateful to us and our council. This cleanup took approximately 2 hours to complete. (Luke Campbell, photographer, not shown.)

BROTHER KNIGHTS ATTEND ROSARY AND FUNERAL MASS FOR PAST GRAND KNIGHT

At a recent council meeting, WGK Skamel thanked Brother Knights and spouses who attended PGK Boyd Leatherman's Rosary and Funeral Mass. He also thanked Doug Hughes and Debbie Wohlforth, Receptionist, who coordinated the arrangements at the church. Everyone agreed the procession of the casket to the altar and the recession following Mass with Brother Knights standing at attention on both sides of the aisle in their council shirts was appropriate and should be considered for future funeral services.

For those who are unaware, Boyd's name is listed on the bronze plaque in the west vestibule, near the entrance to the sacristy, as Grand Knight when the new church was dedicated, and acknowledging Council 7243's donation to the church. Note also, that Brother Knight Rene Lesieutre is listed as Treasurer at that time.



INSTALLATION DINNER

Monsignor Pinti hosted some thirty-three Brother Knights and spouses for dinner to honor the newly installed officers for council year 2022-2023. The dinner was held in the Social Hall Saturday October 1st, following the 4 pm Mass. Brother Knights wore their council shirts and sat as a group for mass. Assisting Monsignor with kitchen duties were Rene Jorgenson, Pat Hennessey and Mary Dykes.





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LIFE PROGRAMS. WATER FILTER PROJECT

A project proposed by Don Martens was approved by the officers at the September 6th meeting for presentation to the council seeking approval to donate \$250.00 to Spin Worldwide, Inc, a 501.c.3 organization, for the purpose of purchasing filters for remote villagers in Kenya and other African communities to help reduce disease and deliver quality drinking water. Filters will be delivered during a trip planned for October 2022. The donation would come from our \$4,000 Life Programs budget line item. Volunteers who deliver the supplies pay for 100% of their expenses. It is reported that there has been a 90% drop in illness due to past efforts. Following a presentation and discussion, Don made a motion that Council 7243 donates \$250.00 to Spin Worldwide, Inc for the purpose of purchasing filters for remote villagers in Kenya and other African communities to help reduce disease and deliver quality drinking water. Filters will be delivered during a trip planned for October 2022. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Don Martens reported at the October council meeting he had received a thank you letter acknowledging our \$250 donation. (see below).



Worldwide Inc. 4817 Breezy Point Rd Duluth, MN USA 55803
spinworldwide@gmail.com

September 23, 2022

Gayle & Don Martens

I cannot tell you how grateful I am for your generous donation of \$250.00 to our water filter project Kenya East Africa. You are amazing to have orchestrated this. You know my passions and this will help an entire village with the funds you raised. We are so blessed to have access the clean water at our demand and in home water that is ready to use without boiling. That is not possible in most homes in the areas we will be going. See the joy is memorable and the smiles last forever. These funds will provide 10 filters to families. Plus the other money will provide an entire village water. They will last 10 years and need very little care except backwashing to clean the filters. Below are some photos from previous trips but I will update you when we

return.



This is why the filters are so needed

Thank you

Susan Bussa
Susan Bussa - Director
SPIN Worldwide Inc