



Knights of Columbus Council 7243

Serving St. George Parish and the Local Community

THIRD 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.

When we joined the Knights of Columbus we were provided a Rosary. We were called upon to carry always and to pray it as often as we can. By reciting the Rosary it helps us to deepen our faith, promote the conversion of our heart and to strengthen our will to follow Christ.

The Rosary applies to many. It is simple. The constant repetition of the words helps create an atmosphere in which to contemplate the mysteries of God. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever. Let us pray that we may find meaning in saying the Rosary daily in our lives.

I went to the Rosary Sunday Celebration with two other Knights and a bus load of fellow Parishioners. It was held at the Phoenix Convention Center and was attended by over 4,000 people. I have never experienced the feeling I did while all the people in attendance prayed the Rosary. It is a powerful prayer and can change your life. Thank you Monsignor for providing the bus to take us there.

I would like to thank the Assembly and the Council for their selfless giving of their time talents for the past quarter. Council 7243 Pope John Paul I and St. George Assembly were both winners of the Star Council and Assembly awards respectively. Thank you for your help and support.

Vivat Jesus.

GK Bob Stewart

OUTSTANDING RESULTS FOR THE 2023 SUMMER BREAKFASTS



Surrounding Monsignor Pinti, left to right, are Ken Zudycki, Tomas Rios, Roman Flores, Greg Boyer, Doug Hughes, Jim Lutz, Larry Beckwith, Don Martens, Brandon Clark, Ed Matlosz, John Czerwinski, Larry Gill, Gil Rollins, Joe Lorden, and Ralph Abeyta. Other volunteers not pictured are Tom Wolf, Joe Yarina, Matt Campbell, Bob Stewart, Jim Kennedy, David Hanf, Eddie Ybarra, TJ Knight, Jim Garcia, Neil McMillin, Randy Roberts, Kevin Buresh, Swede Jurgenson, LB White and Dennis Hale.

Breakfast coordinator Tom Wolf reported we set records for the several performance metrics tracked.

Dear Fellow Knights:

Thanks everyone for your support of our annual breakfast fundraiser. Our September meal continued our success for the year. A total of 30 Knights served 210 persons and, after expenses, we had a profit of \$1,540.43. For the year, we served 889 persons and our total profits were \$6,230.29, with Council 7243 receiving \$4,361.20 and Assembly 2943 receiving \$1,869.09. Remember that this is our only fund-raising event that goes directly to the Council and Assembly to fund their operations and elective charitable events.

Congratulations to all. Looking forward to continuing these efforts next year with the new edition of biscuits and gravy added to our menu.

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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.

REV MSGR PINTI WITH SIR KNIGHTS, BROTHER KNIGHTS AND WIVES

A Color Corps Callout in Honor of Rev. Msgr. Pinti's Birthday was held at the 4 pm mass on August 26th, with all Brother Knights and wives invited. Patriotic Degree Knights were in full regalia with swords. All other Knights attending wore their green council or white assembly shirts. All were in the main aisle in double lines as Monsignor processed in and again as he processed out at the conclusion of Mass.





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COUNCIL 7243 CHAPLAIN, REVEREND MONSIGNOR PINTI, 2023 CORNERSTONE HONOREE

The Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Tucson
Invites You To Attend

THE FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL CORNERSTONE GALA

A Night in White

HONORING REVEREND MONSIGNOR DOMENICO PINTI

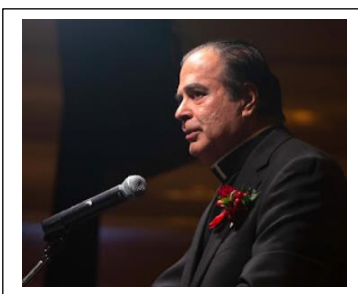
**REVEREND MONSIGNOR
DOMENICO PINTI**

2023 CORNERSTONE HONOREE

Pastor of Saint George Parish in Apache Junction and priest of 38 years, Reverend Monsignor Domenico Pinti will be honored at the Catholic Foundation's 41st Annual Cornerstone Gala for his profound faith example, servant leadership, humble spirit, and continuous generosity. This is the highest honor bestowed by the Diocese of Tucson and the Catholic Foundation.

Monsignor Pinti is known for going above and beyond his priestly duties. His faith radiates to those around him as he leads by doing. He makes himself available to serve wherever there is a need. He quietly goes beyond the Catholic community of Apache Junction and generously works for the greater good of God and His Church. Monsignor Pinti is a prime example of being a good steward of souls, as well as the time, talent, and treasures of those who serve with him. He has facilitated numerous resources for parishes, seminarians, and ministries, making it very clear that there are no excuses when it comes to serving God and our fellow brothers and sisters.

In May 1984, Monsignor Pinti graduated with a Master of Divinity from Holy Apostles Seminary and was ordained a deacon the following month. A Pennsylvania native, he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Tucson in 1985 and has been serving as the pastor of Saint George Parish since 2004. In 2019, Pope Francis named then Father Pinti a "Chaplain to His Holiness" with the Title of Reverend Monsignor.





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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, ASSEMBLY 2943, JULY 29, 2023

One of the highlights of each fraternal year is the installation of newly elected officers by our District Master and our Faithful Friar, SK Reverend Monsignor Pinti. This solemn event reminds officers of their duties and obligations to the assembly and Sir Knights.



Front row, left to right: Larry Gill, Faithful Captain; SK Don Martens, Faithful Navigator; SK Rev. Msgr. Pinti, Faithful Friar; Bob Stewart, Faithful Pilot; Chet Yancy, District Marshall; and Bryan Sayers, Former District Master.
Second Row, left to right: SK Jim Garcia, Faithful Purser; SK Doug Hughes, Faithful Comptroller; SK Tom Wolf, Faithful One Year Trustee; SK Neil McMillin, Faithful Admiral; and SK John Czerwinski, Faithful Three Year Trustee.
Not Pictured: SK Matt Campbell, Faithful Outer Sentinel; SK John Hennessey, Faithful Scribe; SK Armino Castelhana, Faithful Inner Sentinel; and SK Bill Gilles, Faithful Two Year Trustee.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, COUNCIL 7243, JULY 29, 2023

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 Rev. Msgr. Pinti. This solemn event reminds officers of their duties and obligations to the council and their Brother Knights.



Front row, left to right: Larry Gill, One Year Trustee; Dennis Hale, Advocate; Rev. Msgr. Pinti, Chaplain; Bob Stewart, Grand Knight; and LB White, Deputy Grand Knight.
Second row, left to right: Tom Wolf, Two Year Trustee; Roman Flores; Doug Hughes, Financial Secretary; and Neil McMillin, Inside Guard.
Not Pictured: Joe Lorden, Chancellor; Matt Campbell, Three Year Trustee; Ralph Abeyta, Warden; Greg Boyer, Outside Guard; John Hennessey, Recorder; Brandon Clark, Treasurer; and Jim Lutz, Lecturer.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Veteran's Day Parade, November 11th.
- Patriotic Degree Exemplification, St. Stephen's Church, November 11th.
- Thanksgiving Food Distribution, Traffic Control, Date to Be Announced.
- Christmas Gift Distribution, Traffic Control, Date to Be Announced.
- Charity Chips Fundraiser Sales, December, Dates to Be Announced.
- Quarterly Social Night, Date to Be Announced.
- Knights of Columbus State Raffle Ticket Sales, after all masses, March 2-3, 9-10 and 16-17.

SUPREME KNIGHT PATRICK KELLY ACKNOWLEDGES COUNCIL 7243 HOPE WOMEN'S CENTER DONATION.

In his recent letter to WGK Stewart, Supreme Knight Kelly stated: "I write today to recognize Pope John Paul I Council 7243's support of women and children through the Knights of Columbus Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) Program."



Deputy Grand Knight LB White presents a check for matching contributions from KofC Supreme to Linda, AJ site director, Hope Women's Center of Apache Junction. Along with Council 7243's donation of \$2,000, and \$400 from Supreme, and an anonymous contribution of \$25, we gave a grand total of \$2,425 to the center, which serves the East Valley - Apache Junction, Mesa, San Tan Valley, and surrounding communities.

FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

To follow-up, contact Grand Knight Bob Stewart or Program Director Doug Hughes.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Food for Families	<input type="checkbox"/> Habitat for Humanity	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Olympics
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			<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____



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Assorted pictures from the crowd at the gala.