



Knights of Columbus Council 7243

Serving St. George Parish and the Local Community

FOURTH QUARTER 2022 NEWSLETTER

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

It's that time again when the major holidays have passed, the tree and lights are stowed for another year, the birds have started merrily singing and all of the New Year resolutions have been fulfilled.....or is it?

Did everyone you meet greet you with "Merry Christmas" or did they take the low road and just say Happy Holidays? The song that we hear the birds singing is more like 'can we come in and get warm? Did you keep all of your New Year resolutions beyond the second of January?

The negativism that we all feel today is not the result of a social force over which we have no control but rather the result of the single action of a single person that affects another person and the 'beat goes on'.

I attended the recent Patriotic Degree exemplification in Tempe and was surprised about how much I had forgotten about the meaning of being a Knight. Nowhere in the meaning of being a Knight is the word "ME". Charity is giving of your resources; Fraternity is giving of yourself and Unity is standing with your brothers in a common cause.

In our country today there is a growing 'unity' among those who think only of their personal goals and are causing discord in our society. The Unity we need today is in support of society based on historic principle not on a juvenile desire to receive a personal triumph. Throughout scripture you will find reference to the demand of one person causing injustice to the many. Let us each put our personal problems on the back shelf and reach out as Knights to help whoever is truly in need. Open and hold a door for someone, carry a load for someone who is in need, stay at mass until the celebrant has left the sanctuary and then spend some time with your fellow Catholics in the church. It takes only a few minutes to make a new acquaintance and a future friend.

COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZE BREAKFAST COORDINATOR TOM WOLF

Council 7243 Program Director Matt Campbell Presents a Recognition Award to PGK, PFN and PFS to Tom Wolf. Matt Read the Accompanying Citation, After Which Tom Received a Warm Round of Applause



Tom Wolf PGK, PFS, PFN

Tom is the Breakfast Coordinator and arranges for all the breakfasts for St. George. What does this mean? He shops at various grocery stores for the perfectly priced breakfast food. Does he have a magic crystal ball or is it years of experience and record keeping that allows him to accurately predict how many customers we will need to serve? His diligent work keeps the price of the meals low so all the parishioners can enjoy a low-priced Breakfast. He arranges for cooks, prep workers, front line workers and cleanup crews. The Breakfasts are the backbone for our fund-raising efforts. The Breakfasts create comradery for all of our Knights and has for years. How many years has Tom done this work, no one really knows; hopefully many years to come.

Matt Campbell

Council 7243 and Assembly 2943

CHARITY CHIPS ROUND 2 FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We raised \$10,000.00 of which \$5,200.00 will be given out in charitable donations over the next six months. And \$4,800.00 was given out in prizes.

All drawings were held on a single day, Sunday, December 18th after the 10:00 Mass in the Social Hall. For each drawing two chips were pulled from the pool, the first winner awarded \$300.00 and the second winner \$100.00. The chips were then returned to the pool and included in the next drawing. The process was repeated until all 12 drawings were completed.

Those winners in attendance walked away with their earnings while those not in attendance had their checks mailed.



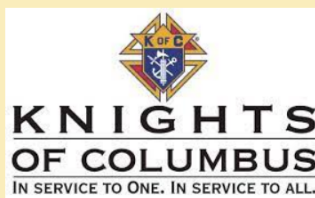
Doug Hughes and Ken Zudycki Conduct Round 2 Drawings



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WEB SITE UPDATE



Pope John Paul I Council 7243

Knights of Columbus Catholic Fraternal Organization located in Apache Junction, AZ

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Doug Hughes has done 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.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB CHECK PRESENTATION



Check presentation by Knights of Columbus Council 7243 to Boys and Girls Club of the East Valley in the amount of \$2,000 (proceeds from our annual car show October 29th supplemented by council funds.)

Pictured, from left to right, John Hennessey, Steve Ezyk, Angela Davis, Chris Metcalf and Doug Hughes. The group is pictured behind bicycles donated by Chris to the Boys and Girls Club. He also donated bicycles for the raffles at the car show.

There were some 20 Brother Knights involved in setting up, tearing down, preparing and distributing food, selling tickets, registering participants, and providing overall support.

Car Show Chairman Steve Ezyk was assisted by committee members Joe Lorden and Bill Amatucci.



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ST. GEORGE 18th ANNUAL "SHOW YOUR RIDE" CAR SHOW PHOTOS



Car Show Sponsor Monsignor Pinti



Raffle Central & Registration Desk



Grand Knight's Award

Volunteers Who Made It Happen



Row 1: John Hennessey, Joe Skamel, Greg Boyer. Row 2: Rene Lesieutre, Doug Hughes, Deacon Paul Rokosz, Jim Tracy, Bill Gilles, Conrad Gorney, Steve Ezyk, Bill Motl, Armino Castelhana, Larry Beckwith. Not Pictured, Matt Campbell, Photographer, and Monsignor Pinti, Bill and Sheri Amatucci, Ken Zudycki, Swede Jurgenson, Denis McDonald. Bob Mohle and John Czerwinski



Commemorative Car Show T-Shirt



Some of the Cars on Display





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More of the Cars on Display



Year to Date Summary of Council Breakfasts by Breakfast Coordinator Tom Wolf

Brother Knights:

Thank you so much for all your help in completing a very successful 2022 breakfast season. Thank you Monsignor 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
Net Income distribution - 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

Ladies Badges for KofC Council 7243



If you have not ordered yours, please to so on the online store at:
kofc-council-7243.square.site
at a price of \$10.75

COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY SHIRTS

Doug Hughes reported we have a new shirt supplier, SSLtees, which was approved by council motion, a second and unanimous vote. We will have new shirts available in two designs: cotton with a pocket, for a pocket badge, and poly with the Knight's name embroidered. Shirt orders will be handled using the online store.



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VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Many thanks to all the Brother Knights who helped by volunteering to support our fund raisers and events, including the Monthly Breakfasts, the 18th Annual Car Show, the Thanksgiving Food Delivery, the Christmas Gift Delivery, Charity Chips Round 2, Keep Christ in Christmas and the Christmas Rosary and Bracelet distribution: Jim Lutz, Bill Motl, Ralph Abeyta, Bill Amatucci, Larry Beckwith, Greg Boyer, Rick Buckingham, Matt Campbell, Armindo Castelhana, John Czerwinski, Steve Ezyk, Bill Gilles, Conrad Gorney, Dennis Hale, John Hennessey, Doug Hughes, Swede Jurgenson, Rene Lesieutre, Joe Lorden, Don Martens, Denis McDonald, Neil McMillin, Bob Mohle, Pat Prezioso, Msgr. Pinti, Gil Rollins, Joe Skamel, Tom Wolf, Ken Zudycki, Rich Zollner, Bob Stewart, LB White, Jim Tracy, Deacon Paul Rokosz, Eddie Wisemon, Ed Matlosz, Kevin Buresh, Mike Mullarkey and Dave Hanf.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

Program Director Matt Campbell, assisted by Larry Beckwith, in concert with Parish Youth Director Christine Ollive, sponsored a Keep Christ in Christmas contest for the youth of St. George. There were 36 entrants. Don Martens, Dennis Hale, Larry Beckwith and Matt Campbell visited the various classrooms and handed out one decade wrist rosaries and candy canes to the kids and teachers. All posters were on display in the Social Hall. \$25 gift cards will be awarded in January to the three winners in three age groups selected from all the entrants.



Keep Christ in Christmas Posters on Display in Social Hall



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Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Award Winners



Sebastian Wasielewski
5 - 7 Age Group



Connor Canuth
8 - 10 Age Group



Jennifer Bracamontes
11- 14 Age Group

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Blood Drive, February 20th, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, St. George Parking Lot
- Arizona State Raffle Ticket Sales in February and March
- Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Award Winners Presentation
- Lenten Dinner Support
- State Convention, May, Phoenix

VETERANS DAY PARADE

Council 7243 and Assembly 2943 were well represented at the Apache Junction Veterans Day Parade. Attending were John Czerwinski, Don Martens, Dennis Hale, Doug Hughes, Rene Lesieutre, Armino Castelhana, Jim Lutz and Matt Campbell. Monsignor Pinti had the honor of being a passenger for the Commemorative Air Force's B-17 parade flyover.



Monsignor Pinti, other guests and B-17 flight crew.



Sir Knights from Assembly 2943 participating in the parade, with Doug Hughes in new regalia.