



# Knights of Columbus St. Theresa Council 13497

## COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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November 2005

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## Grand Knight's Message



### Upcoming Events:

**Regular Business Meeting**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Each Month**  
**Upper Room of Convent**  
**6:30PM start**  
**Social hour starts at 7:30PM**  
**\*\*\*Note Schedule Change**  
**This Month\*\*\***

Due to the conflict with the Couples Retreat, **The business meeting will be moved one week to Thursday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.**

#### Agenda:

SVDP Thankgiving Donation  
 SVDP Food Drive Staffing  
 ID Drive Donation  
 Giving Tree Christmas Donation  
 Altar Server Appreciation  
 Upcoming 1<sup>st</sup> degree ceremony  
 2nd/3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Ceremony  
 Cardinals Football Game 11/27

#### Leadership Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month.  
 Rotating location.  
 All are welcome.

#### Usher News:

**Knights asked to volunteer time as Ushers & Greeters at 5 PM Sat. & 7:30 AM Masses**

#### Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursday 9 AM – 9 PM in  
 Convent Chapel

#### Vocation Prayer Hour

Typically the Last Hour of  
 Eucharistic Adoration

### Married Couples Retreat

**Run by Deacon**  
**Campbell and**  
**Father Kieffer**

**Thursday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>**

starting at 5:30PM in the church. Dinner and retreat following the service. All Knights and their spouses are invited.

### My Brother Knights and Families,

Thank you for all your hard work during this very busy month of October. Our council contributed over 300 service hours to the parish and community in October. We should be proud of our accomplishments. Led by Robert Fontes, 15 Knights contributed over 60 hours to raise over \$2,000 for **citizens with intellectual disabilities**. Three specific organizations serving those in need will benefit.

Mike Defancesco organized our parish's **quarterly blood drive**. 15 donors (3 Power Red donors) including 5 Knights donated 18 pints of blood. These donations help up to 54 hospital patients!

PGK Tom Hart organized 11 Knights who spent 25 hours helping parishioners park at the St. Theresa Catholic School annual **Fall Festival** Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Of course many of us are active in the St. Theresa School Dad's Club and monthly pancake breakfasts and the Halloween Party while others support our various liturgical ministries on a weekly basis while others are actively involved with our youth in Cub and Boy Scouts.

Your upcoming opportunities to participate in our charitable and patriotic activities serving our community, church, youth, families and council include:

#### KNIGHT LINKS

##### Knights of Columbus

<http://www.kofc.org/index.cfm>  
 Columbia Magazine Online

##### Arizona Knights of Columbus

[www.azknightsofcolumbus.com](http://www.azknightsofcolumbus.com)  
 See the State Newsletter Online

##### Catholic Diocese of Phoenix

<http://www.diocesephoenix.org/>  
 See Kof C Link

##### St. Theresa Parish

<http://sttheresaphx.org/>

##### St. Joseph's Youth Camp

[www.saintjosephyouthcamp.com](http://www.saintjosephyouthcamp.com)

**A married couples retreat entitled "An Evening of Reflection on Marriage"** will be given by Deacon Campbell and Father Kieffer on **Thursday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>** starting at 5:30PM in the church. Dinner (\$15 per couple) and the retreat will follow mass. All Knights and their spouses are invited to attend. Please phone (602) 840-0850 X133 by Tuesday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> to reserve your space.

First Degree Knights have the opportunity to deepen their appreciation of the order by **attending a Second and Third Degree ceremony** which teaches the lessons of unity and fraternity on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Host council 10062 - Phoenix.

On Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> the **Cardinals play the Jaguars**. Several of the core team have out-of-town family commitments and will need a replacement. Please phone brother Mark Vaske (480.946.3517) to sign-up and join in help out a brother.

As was discussed and approved at our September business meeting, council 13497 has donated the proceeds raised at one of our Cardinal football games in the amount of \$500 to the **K of C Charities Gulf States Disaster Relief fund**. The Supreme Council will match our donation bringing the total donation to \$1,000. How fortunate we are to be able to help those most in need.

A December **Altar Server Appreciation** event is being planned. Look in next month's newsletter for details.

Vivat Jesus,  
 Mark Skoog / GK

### Next Business Meeting

November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
**Convent Upper Room**  
 6:30PM Business Meeting  
 7:30 PM Social

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## Degree Announcements: New Members and Degree Advancements for the Month

We invite all Catholic Men to join the Knights of Columbus and assist in our good works!

### Upcoming First Degree Ceremonies (lesson on Charity)

The next opportunity to join the Knights of Columbus is this **Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** at 9AM at St Gabriel's Parish. Please call Tom Hart at 480-970-0428 to arrange to attend. If this time is inconvenient, another opportunity to join will be **Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** in Phoenix.

Once a candidate completes the First Degree ceremony on the lesson of charity, he is considered a Knight of Columbus and can participate in all council activities. First Degree members are encouraged to attain the Second and Third Degrees, which teach the lessons of unity and fraternity. Upon taking the Third Degree, a member receives full honors of Knighthood and is "Knighthooded."

**All first degree Knights are strongly encouraged to achieve Second/Third Degrees** to deepen their appreciation of the order. Next opportunity is on **Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 9AM.** Host council 10062 - Phoenix.



## Good Knight News



### Recognition of Great Knights and Family for October 2005 Knight of the Month

#### **Robert Fontes**

Robert Fontes eagerly accepted the challenge of running this year's I.D. Drive and skillfully organized and motivated our membership to rise to the occasion. Twenty Knights (some operating multiple shifts) spent 60 hours and collected over \$2,000 at local grocery stores and after masses. Thank you Robert!

### Family of the Month Fontes Family

Organizing an effort of the magnitude of the ID Drive requires a team effort and all members of the Fontes family (son Francis, daughter Hana and wife Maria) helped make it a success. Whether it was holding a can at Fry's or making numerous refreshment drops or simply counting change, the entire Fontes family helped father Robert make the 2005 drive a success. Thanks Fontes family!

### Our Unsung Heroes Tell them Thank You

A very dedicated team of Knights including **Craig Nelson, Ray Stefanac, Mark Vaske, Tom Galziewski, John Halikowski, Rodrigo Silva, Chris Jones and Tom Hart** form the core of our fund raising efforts by representing our council at AZ Cardinals games and serving food and beverages to fans at Grill Cart 14 on the northwest side of Sun Devil Stadium. It is primarily their efforts that provide the funds to allow us to help the various people and organizations that we do. The next time you see one of them, say Thank you.

**Better yet, volunteer to help!**

### October 2005 Celebrations Happy Belated October Birthdays

Greg Ehmamn  
Rich Sienkiewicz

### Upcoming November Birthdays

Colin Campbell

Missing someone?  
Please contact Dan Peterson with these important dates ...wife's birthdays and wedding anniversaries too!



### Remember in Your Prayers

**Brother Knights and Relatives:**  
Norman & Michael Maxon, Chuck Hawkins, & all those needing help & healing.



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## Council News

Our Membership Committee has Candidates to escort to 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (Page 2).

1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knights should attend the next 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree!

Each Knight should ask (1) Catholic Gentleman to join us per month. Council Goal is 60 New Members!

## Service Program News

Knights should help SVDP when available!

## Operation Wheelchair

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month  
Council 13497 helps Sunday at 10:30 AM at AZ Veterans Hospital Contact Craig Nelson 602-478-0197.

Arts & Environment requests the Knights to help in Church during Christmas & Easter! K of C Chairman Position for this is open, Call GK to discuss.

Knights of Columbus are called to visit the sick and elderly. And help unassisted Widows and orphans!

Report your Service Hours each month at the Business Meeting or E-mail Deputy Grand Knight John Halikowski at [jhalikowski@cox.net](mailto:jhalikowski@cox.net)

## Fraternal Benefits

Review your life insurance today and protect your families tomorrow. Call me for an appointment.

**Rick Large II**  
Insurance Agent  
602-418-9008

E-mail = [rickiikcagent@att.net](mailto:rickiikcagent@att.net)



## Council and Service Program Information

Monthly Reports on Council Happenings



### I.D. Drive



This year's **Intellectual Disabilities Drive Tootsie Roll Fund Raiser** was another huge success! Twenty Knights (some operating multiple shifts) spent 60 hours and collected over \$2,000 at local grocery stores and after masses.



**At the St. Theresa Catholic School annual Fall Festival** Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 11 Knights organized by PGK Tom Hart provided 25 hours of parking assistance to the many parishioners attending this popular event.



15 donors (3 Power Red donors) including 5 Knights donated 18 pints of blood. These donations have the potential to help 54 hospital patients! **Thank you** goes out Blood Drive Coordinator **Michael DeFrancesco** (602.952.9874). Consider helping Mike manage the drives for an hour or two once a quarter and donate blood yourself. Donating blood helps save lives. Please do your part!



### Mark your Calendar:

#### Catholic Events & News:

#### Couples Retreat Run by Deacon Campbell and Father Kieffer

**Thursday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>** starting at 5:30PM in the church. Dinner (\$15 per couple) and retreat following the service. All Knights and their spouses are invited to **An Evening of Reflection on Marriage.**

#### Help Saint Vincent DePaul this Thanksgiving

*Bill Haugen, President* Is looking for Knights to help SVDP during the annual Thanksgiving food drive Sunday morning, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Call Bill at 602-955-1399 to **volunteer.**

### AZ Cardinals

#### Non Profit Vendor Booth

Council 13497 serves food and beverages to fans at Grill Cart 14 on the northwest side of Sun Devil Stadium during regular season games. A very dedicated team of Knights including Craig Nelson, Ray Stefanac, Mark Vaske, Tom Galziewski, John Halikowski, Rodrigo Silva, Chris Jones and Tom Hart attend most games. On average this group of brothers raises \$600 per game and are responsible for 90+% of the fundraising the council does all year. Thank you to this very dedicated team who put the orders' founding principle of charity into practice on a very regular basis! Please consider helping at any of the upcoming games by calling Mark Vaske (480.946.3517) to sign-up and join in on the fun.

#### Council 13497 ~ AZ Cardinals Non Profit Vendor Booth

#### Schedule

##### Regular Season:

Sun. Nov. 27	2 pm	Jaguars
Sun. Dec. 11	2 pm	Redskins
Sat. Dec. 24	2 pm	Eagles

##### Bonus Date:

Mon. Jan. 2	3pm	Fiesta Bowl
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Knights, wives, co-workers & friends are welcome to work the games with profits going to charity; we need 9 people per game.



## Council Officers and Committee Contacts



### Council Officers

Pastor / Chaplain	Rev. Fr. Charles Kieffer	602-840-0850
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Trustee 3 Year	SK Thomas Hart	480-970-0428
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District Deputy	Joe Rostowsky	480-342-9018 (h) 480-241-0406 (Cell.)

### Committee Contacts

Program Director:	DGK John Halikowski 602-284-3763
Church Directors:	Mike Kucharo, Craig Nelson, Frank Balint, Richard Sienkiewicz
Vocations Chairman:	Mark Maxon, Richard Bridgewater, Justin Muchowicz, Colin Campbell
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Blood Drive Chairman:	Mike DeFrancesco 602-952-9874
Operation Wheel Chair	Craig Nelson 602-478-0197
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Beer Vendor Booth:	Mark Vaske 480-946-3517

#### RIGHT TO LIFE:

Please contact Brother Walter Lee Meacham for any information on Right to Life Issues or Pro-Life Action

**Arizona Right to Life Office:  
602-285-0063**

#### **St Theresa Parish St. Vincent De Paul:**

*Bill Haugen, President  
Is looking for Knights  
to help SVDP  
during the annual  
Thansgiving food  
drive.  
Call 602-955-1399  
to **volunteer**.*

#### Thank You Knights for Your Hard Work



#### **St Theresa's Knights of Columbus Membership**

Please call Membership Director Tom Hart  
480-970-0428

#### **Star Council**

is a Worthy Grand Knights Goal  
Membership, Insurance & Service

#### **Aid to Women Center:**

**Tempe  
480-966-1902**

#### **Virtue Media Web:** [www.virtuemedia.org](http://www.virtuemedia.org)

#### **Saturday 5 PM Mass Ushers Needed!**

Rich Sienkiewicz is the new Head Usher and would like all the help he can get. **Please volunteer.**

#### **St Theresa Parish Blood Drives:**

Thank you to Knights that helped with donations & sign-up!

**Call Mike DeFrancesco  
at 602-952-9874  
to volunteer.**