



Knights of Columbus St. Theresa Council 13497

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Grand Knight's Message



Upcoming Events:

Regular Business Meeting
2nd Thursday of Each Month
Upper Room of Convent
6:30PM start
Social hour starts at 7:30PM

Agenda:

- Mid-year state meeting 12/3
- Cardinals vs. Redskins 12/11
- District 23 mid-year meeting 12/17
- Families for Caring Delivery of Gifts 12/18 (after 9:00 mass)
- Ushers needed for Christmas & New Year's Masses
- Fiesta Bowl Notre Dame vs. Ohio State 1/2/06
- Upcoming 1st degrees 1/7 (Phoenix), 1/9 (Glendale)
- Upcoming 2nd & 3rd degree 1/8 (Chandler)

Leadership Meeting

1st Thursday of each month.
Rotating location.
All are welcome.

Usher News:

Knights asked to volunteer
time as Ushers & Greeters at
7:30 AM & 9AM Masses

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursday 9 AM – 9 PM in
Convent Chapel

Vocation Prayer Hour

Typically the Last Hour of
Eucharistic Adoration



January 2nd, 2006

My Brother Knights and Families,

Didn't the month of November fly by! In between Cardinal's games, Dad's Club Pancake Breakfasts, Cub and Boy Scouting, liturgical assistance with ushering and EM, and helping our parish St. Vincent de Paul conference during their Thanksgiving food drive, our very active council continues to positively impact our church, community, and our families.

During this busy month of December, as we celebrate Advent and prepare for our Lord's coming, let us continue to live out our Order's first core principle – Charity -- by giving our time and talent to those less fortunate. Due primarily to the tireless efforts of a core of our members who work our non-profit organization vendor booth at Cardinal's football games, our council IS able to help financially too.

We authorized \$300 for the parish's **St. Vincent de Paul conference** to assist those in need within our parish boundaries. And we donated \$700 to the parish **Families for Caring** project to bring food, clothes, toys and household items to the poor at Christmas. I encourage you all to help **deliver these gifts on Sunday, December 18th after 9AM mass**. Please contact anne.vogel@cox.net if you are interested. Contributing money is great but being able to see the smiling faces of the children we help and hear the heartfelt

thanks from the parents who otherwise couldn't afford a decent Christmas for their families, is our real reward.

During this season of Advent our council also has the responsibility to participate as much as possible in **supporting our parish's liturgy** whether it's as an usher, lector or Eucharistic minister. Mass will be celebrated eight times between Christmas Eve and Day and five times between New Year's Eve and Day. It is our duty as Knights to pitch in when our pastor and community need us. Sign up sheets are in the sacristy. Your help is truly needed!

Since this year's last football game, the **Fiesta Bowl**, will host two major football powers, **Notre Dame and Ohio State**, our council will have the opportunity to end the year with a bang and raise several thousand dollars in one day! If you have not helped out at a single Cardinal's game this season, **you are invited to redeem yourself at this fun event on January 2nd**. Contact Chairperson Mark Vaske at (480.946.3517) to sign-up and join in on the fun.

Our First Degree Knights have the opportunity to deepen their appreciation for the order by **attending a Second and Third Degree ceremony** which teaches the lessons of unity and fraternity on Saturday, January 8th in Chandler. Contact Membership Director Tom Hart at (480) 970-0428 for details.

Vivat Jesus,
Mark Skoog / GK

Knight Links

Knights of Columbus

<http://www.kofc.org/index.cfm>

Columbia Magazine Online

Arizona Knights of Columbus

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

Next Business Meeting

January 12th, 2006

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 **Saturday, January 7th** at 9AM in Phoenix or the following **Monday, January 9th** in Glendale. Please call Tom Hart at 480-970-0428 to arrange to attend.

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, January 8th at 9AM in Chandler.**



Good Knight News



Recognition of Great Knights and Family for November 2005 Knight of the Month

Mark Vaske

Mark Vaske eagerly accepted the challenge of chairing our council's primary fund raising activity serving refreshments at Cardinal's games. This was particularly challenging for Mark since he is also a confirmation sponsor and must frequently split time between events and race from one to the other. Plus he now lives in Fountain Hills which really indicates his drive to help. Thanks Mark – and all the core group of servers - who help make the financial side of our charitable work possible.

Family of the Month Vaske Family

Thanks to Mark, wife Debbie, daughter Amber, and son Matthew for understanding that when dad isn't home with you, due to his generous contribution of time and talent, he is helping others in our parish and community who really need the help. Thanks Vaske 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 November Birthdays

Colin Campbell

Upcoming December Birthdays

A.J. Flores Benny Jetson
Chuck Saillant Eddie Rodriguez
Robert Purington

Congratulation on the New Arrival

Nick & Jennifer Rouse welcomed a new baby boy to the family in November.
Congratulations Rouse Family!

Missing someone?

Please contact Dan Peterson with these important dates ...wives's birthdays and wedding anniversaries too!

Remember in Your Prayers

Brother Knights and Relatives:

Norman & Michael Maxon, Chuck Hawkins, U.S. Army Private P.J. Barry (Mark Skoog's nephew recently stationed in Iraq) & all those needing help & healing.



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Council News

Our Membership Committee has Candidates to escort to 1st Degree (Page 2).

1st Degree Knights should attend the next 2nd & 3rd 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

5th 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

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 = rckiikcagent@att.net



Council and Service Program Information

Monthly Reports on Council Happenings



Church Programs



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Youth / Family Programs

Three Knights contributed twelve hours helping the school run its annual alumni gathering. Father Chuck and Monsignor McMahon were featured guests. The event was well attended and much fellowship and goodwill resulted.



Council Programs



DGK John Halikowski led four Knights and Cub Scouts to work with the parish's St. Vincent de Paul conference supporting the Thanksgiving food drive. Knights sorted food donations and stocked the SVDP pantry at the parish.

Mark your Calendar:

Catholic Events & News:

Help Deliver Gifts to Needy Families at Christmas

Our council is an active supporter of the parish's **Families for Caring** project to bring food, clothes, toys and household items to the poor at Christmas. Everyone can help deliver gifts on **Sunday, December 18th** after 9AM mass. Please contact anne.vogel@cox.net if you are interested.

Attend the Fiesta Bowl Non Profit Vendor Booth



January 2nd at 3PM

University of Notre Dame vs. The Ohio State University

Council 13497 serves food and beverages to fans at Grill Cart 14 on the northwest side of Sun Devil Stadium during home football games. We earn a portion of the proceeds.

Put the orders' founding principle of charity into practice by helping at this year's Fiesta Bowl featuring Notre Dame vs. Ohio State! Please consider helping at this exciting event by calling **Mark Vaske (480.946.3517)** to sign-up and join in on the fun.

Knights, wives, co-workers & friends are welcome to work the games with profits going to charity. Last year we had 27 people help which is 3X the normal crew. Join in the fun and see the 4th quarter live and in person.



Council Officers and Committee Contacts



Council Officers

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| Pastor / Chaplain | Rev. Fr. Charles Kieffer | 602-840-0850 |
| Grand Knight | Mark Skoog | 480-391-7285 |
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| Lecturer | Colin Campbell | 602-952-1297 |
| District Deputy | Joe Rostowsky | 480-342-9018 (h) 480-241-0406 (Cell.) |

Committee Contacts

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| Program Director: | DGK John Halikowski 602-284-3763 |
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| Blood Drive Chairman: | Mike DeFrancesco 602-952-9874 |
| Operation Wheel Chair | Craig Nelson 602-478-0197 |
| K of C Day at BOB | Bob Navarro 602-840-0565 |
| 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**.*

See the 5th ranked, "Fighting Irish" football team of the University of Notre Dame at the 35th annual Fiesta Bowl



St Theresa's Knights of Columbus Membership

Please call Membership Director Tom Hart
480-970-0428

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Aid to Women Center:

**Tempe
480-966-1902**

Virtue Media Web: 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.**