



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:

- Fiesta Bowl 1/2/06
- Officers Meeting 1/05/06
- STS Free Throw Contest 1/11 & 1/12/06
- Blood Drive Sunday, 1/15
- First Degree Saturday, 1/21
- Officer Meeting Thursday, 2/2
- Business Meeting, Thursday, 2/9
- Vocations Support Dinner Saturday, 2/11
- First Degree Monday, 2/13
- District 23 Free Throw Contest Saturday, 2/18
- 2nd 3rd degree Saturday, 2/18
- STS Auction Saturday 2/25
- K of C recruitment pitch at all masses Saturday, 2/25 and Sunday, 2/26

Leadership Meeting

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

Usher News:

Knights asked to volunteer time as Ushers & Greeters at ALL Masses

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursday 9 AM – 9 PM in Convent Chapel

Vocation Prayer Hour

Typically the Last Hour of Eucharistic Adoration



January 2nd, 2006 was a great success!

My Brother Knights and Families,

As a council, we certainly celebrated Advent in a joyous and charitable way. Seven Knights and families delivered gifts to families less fortunate as part of our parish's Families for Caring Program. Many Knights participated as ushers, greeters and Eucharistic ministers at the many Advent Masses held. Though it did actually occur on January 2nd, 26 Knights, relatives, friends, and co-workers sold food and beverages at the Fiesta Bowl which ended our council's primary fund raising activity on a high note. What a great way to end the first half of our council's fraternal year. A special congratulations goes out to Brother John Davis who celebrated his 50th year in the order during 2005. We should all be that fortunate!

As we begin the second half of the fraternal year, and consider adopting a few New Year's resolutions, let us consider ways to become more active in our council's activities and put our order's beliefs of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism into action. Wherever your interests lie there are activities, practically on a weekly basis, to allow you to contribute and have fun in the process. You are all invited to join us, whether you are interested in programs helping our church, our youth and family or our parish community. I strongly encourage you to

attend a monthly business meeting or two (held on the second Thursday of each month) to become acquainted with fellow members and engaged in our council's activities. Come be part of the fun! We are rarely short of good ideas to help in and around our parish. We sometimes are short people to bring the ideas to life.

You should have all received a letter from Financial Secretary Dan Peterson requesting payment of your 2006 dues. Please mail in your check this month as we have already been billed by the Supreme Council in New Haven.

Last Fall, **Council Recorder and Newsletter Editor** Nick Rouse received an attractive employment opportunity that precluded him from attending business meetings on Thursday forcing him to resign. As such several Knights have pitched in record the official meeting minutes and their efforts are appreciated. Our council really needs a replacement to accurately record the meeting minutes and edit the monthly newsletter. This month's newsletter is later than usual and later than we need since I am the acting editor. **Please help!**

Though January is a relatively slow month, our activities pick up in February with our annual **Free Throw Contest** and our 2nd annual **Vocations Support Dinner**, Saturday, February 11th. Look for more info on this great event and how you can help.

Vivat Jesus,
Mark Skoog / GK

Next Business Meeting

January 12th, 2006
Convent Upper Room
6:30PM Business Meeting
7:30 PM Social

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www.azknightsofcolumnbus.com

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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

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, 1/21 at 8AM at St. Gabriel's** in Cave Creek. 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 "Knighted."

All first degree Knights are strongly encouraged to achieve Second/Third Degrees to deepen their appreciation of the order. Next opportunity is on **Saturday morning, February 18th in Glendale.**



Upcoming Council Events

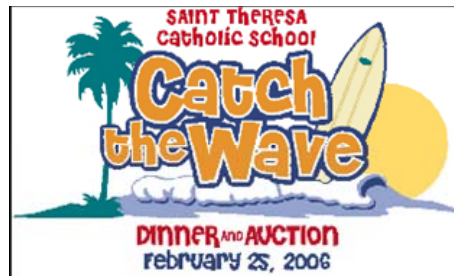


Quarterly UBS Blood Drive

The quarterly St. Theresa Parish blood drive performed in cooperation with Council 13497 will be held **Sunday, January 15th from 8AM to 12:30PM in the Pope John Paul Room** adjacent to the school gymnasium. The Council encourages you and your family to donate blood and help Knights Jesse Cuellar, Mike DeFrancesco and Ray Stefanac organize the drive.



Saint Theresa Catholic School annual Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Fund Raising Dinner and Auction



The annual school PTO auction will be held on Saturday, February 25th. Tickets for the the auction and dinner are \$40 (it is a fund raiser) per person. Two Camperships to St. Joseph Youth Camp will be donated by our council.

2006 Celebrations

January Birthdays

Dr. Vincent Berkley	Francis Balint Jr
Joseph Stegmayer	Justin Muchowicz
Ken Plante	Vincent Kempton

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, Ralph Skoog, 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 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.

Contact Bill Mangenelli
General Agent

E-Mail: wamang@netzero.net
or phone (623) 536-9977



Council and Service Program Information

Monthly Reports on Council Happenings



Church Programs



Thank you to all the Knights who ushered or served as Eucharistic ministers during the Advent season. Your help is appreciated. Every single usher at the Christmas Eve 10PM mass was a Knight!

Mark your Calendar: Save the Date!

The 2nd annual St. Theresa Parish and Council 13497 Seminarian Support Dinner, will be held on Saturday, February 11th, 2006 at 6PM in Father Feeney Hall. All proceeds will support Seminarrians from the Phoenix Diocese. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under twelve. Contact event chairperson Dan Peterson at 602.468.5745 to assist. All Council 13497 Knights should plan to attend with their families!

Youth / Family Programs

The annual K of C free throw contest will be held at STS during gym class on Wednesday, Jan. 11th and Thursday Jan. 12th. Contact Youth Programs Chairman Steve Kaye 480.481.0027 to help. Four Knights are needed to assist and help keep score. **The District 23 Free Throw Contest will be held on Saturday morning Feb. 18th** in the STS gym. Six Knights are needed to help our council host the event.



Council Programs

Fin. Sec Dan Peterson and GK Mark Skoog attended the Mid-Year State Meeting in Tucson on Saturday Dec. 3rd. State Officers reported the order is growing in membership, finances are strong and all programs are on track for success.

DGK John Halikowski and GK Mark Skoog attended the District 23 Mid-Year Meeting in Cave Creek on December 17th. Lots of good info and "tips for success" were shared by the leaders from the councils in attendance.

Community Programs Families for Caring Project

Thank you to the seven Knights and families who helped deliver gifts to needy families at Christmas bringing food, clothes, toys and household items to the poor. We are so lucky to be able to share the bounties that Christ gives us with those less fortunate and to witness their sincere appreciation of His generosity!

The 2006 Fiesta Bowl Was a Huge Success !



Thanks to the 26 Knights, friends, relatives and co-workers who all helped make our participation in the Fiesta Bowl a success! We sold over \$38,000 of food and beverages and raised close to \$4,000 for our council's philanthropy. Special Thanks to our very dedicated core team of Knights including Craig Nelson, Ray Stefanac, Mark Vaske, Tom Galziewski, John Halikowski, Rodrigo Silva, Chris Jones and Tom Hart who between Cardinals pro games and the Fiesta Bowl have raised the vast majority of our funds this fraternal year. These guys all deserve a rest!



Council Officers and Committee Contacts



Council Officers

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Committee Contacts

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Walter Lee Meacham
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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..
Call 602-955-1399
to **volunteer**.*

**Thanks to the 26 Knights, friends, relatives and
co-workers who all helped make our
participation in the Fiesta Bowl a success!**



St Theresa's Knights of Columbus Membership

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Director Tom Hart
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Ushers Needed at all Masses!

Contact Mike Barta,
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to 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.**