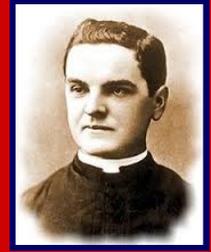


# Knights News

Monthly Newsletter of the  
Raul G. Navarrete Council 9482



## Grand Knights Report

The Knights  
of  
Columbus Principles:

**CHARITY**

**UNITY**

**FRATERNITY**

**PATRIOTISM**



### Grand Knights Message

By Frank Saavedra

As we approach Christmas, we find a whole lot of activity taking place. Many travel to reunite with families, almost everyone shops to buy and exchange gifts, and there is a lot of planning and cooking to prepare meals for family and friends. All this can make Christmas a bit hectic.

Among all this activity, we can lose sight of the reason for Christmas. All this hustle and bustle can sometimes cause us to forget the meaning of Christmas. The irony of this is that the meaning of Christmas can get us to a more peaceful and relaxed place. It can make the Christmas Season happier and more fulfilling

If you find yourself stressed and exhausted, let Christ's birth enter your mind. That can really help to remove the stress, make your day a happy one, and help everyone around you to honestly enjoy Christmas.

God Bless!  
GK Frank

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## Knights Schedule

- 12/01 - **6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting**, Teen Life Room  
**7:30 PM - Business Meeting** - Teen Life Room
- 12/08 - **7:00 PM - First Degree Exemplification** -
- 12/11 - **6:00 PM - Christmas Gathering**, Pot Luck Dinner  
sign up at :<http://kofc9482.org/christmas>
- 11/20 - **Pancake Breakfast**; 7:30 and 9 am. masses,  
we need extra help for Santa, from 6am - 11am.
- 12/21 - **6:30PM - Officers Meeting** -  
St. Andrew CFC Rooms H and I
- 12/23 - **TBD - Christmas Mass Setup - Courtyard**
- 12/25 - **Blessed Christmas Day**

On-line Updates: <http://kofc9482.org/activities/>

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Upcoming Event

12/08/15 - 1st Degree Exemplification

12/11/15 - Knights Christmas Party  
<http://kofc9482.org/christmas>

1/09/16 - 4th Degree Exemplification in Tucson

01/23/16 - Baby Bottle Drive

02/07/16 - Wives Appreciation Brunch

03/15/16 - St Patrick's Party

03/27/16 - Easter

We're on the Web!  
[www.kofc9482.org](http://www.kofc9482.org)

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Your ideas and articles are needed.

Provide content for the next newsletter no later than the 28th.

Send to [newsletter@kofc9482.org](mailto:newsletter@kofc9482.org)

Please send in a "MS Word compatible format"



Lecturer Message  
 By Deacon Paul Hursh



Advent Message

Before Mass on the eve of Thanksgiving a friend of mine asked me what the meaning of the art on the new altar cloth and banners was. At first I could not give a good answer because I had forgotten what father John had said last year. Then I was reminded that it was the artist's interpretation of the creation of the universe. This begged the question, 'well, why the beginning of the universe as the theme of art for Advent?' Advent is a time of waiting, waiting for the birth of Jesus, and waiting for the return of Christ. Like Advent – the beginning of a new Liturgical year - Both of these are beginnings as well. The beginning of God's Kingdom on earth with the birth of Jesus 2000 years ago, and the beginning of a new Heaven and a new Earth in the second coming of Christ at the end of time.



In John's Gospel we read...

*In the beginning was the Word,  
 and the Word was with God,  
 and the Word was God.  
 He was in the beginning with God.  
 All things came to be through him,  
 and without him nothing came to be.<sup>b</sup>  
 What came to be through him was life,  
 and this life was the light of the human race;  
 the light shines in the darkness,  
 and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:1-5)*



The beginning of the liturgical year is a good time to be reminded of the first beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, and a good time to reflect on the second coming. This reminds us that we have a God who is ever renewing his love through the renewal of his covenant of creation. As such we have an opportunity for a second chance on life by the renewal of our lives through the renewal of our faith commitments.

This beautiful altar cloth is a reminder of the coming into existence of all things. Creation is the beginning of time, space, and God's gracious energy, which has the power to renew everything. All we have to do is to remain open to this infinite grace and the possibilities it brings. We have a God of second chances.

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### Chaplin's message

"Into the Breach" from the Bishop Olmstead, will be available via e-mail or posted on the web. It covers catholic men's role in the family, society and other areas. Jesus is our role model, for spouse, father, sibling, grandfather, friend and more. self improvement is a key item.. ,

**Balloting for membership**, Zachery Zimmerman there were no objections..

### Grand Knights report -

**Unique Boutique - John will give update and ask for volunteers**, This coming weekend, volunteers needed to move tables and chairs

**St. Andrew is having follow up on Discovering Christ sessions**, GK discussed his benefit of attending, Renewed faith stronger, reaffirmation of Christ's love for us. The next series of sessions starts Jan 28 2016. We are encouraged to attend.

**9th annual Men's Conference on Saturday, 2/6/16**, Again Knights encouraged to attend

**4th Degree Exemplification in Tucson 1/09/16 at Double Tree in Tucson**, We should have at least 2, 3rd degree member to attend

**We now have our own assembly**, Dan reported that as of Oct 29th we are now Assembly 3591, St Andrew the Apostle. We had 42 member signup.

**Christmas Party**, Christmas Party December 11, Potluck dinner, signup, and bring a white elephant gift. There will be music.

**Haiti**, deacon Paul reported on trip to Haiti to bring 250 pairs shoes to the orphanage and review electrical project and ensure we have all required paperwork.

**Father Son campout**, Scheduled for Aug 2016. We need leads for various positions: logistics, crafts, meals, sporting and other activities. Start thing about how you can help. An organization meeting will be coming soon. Also plan on Memorial day weekend to work camp preparation

**Ladies appreciation Lunch**, The luncheon is schedule for Feb 7th at the Palo Verde Country Club in Sun Lakes..

**We will participate on the district 1st degree team**, See Frank if you can help

### Report of Service Programs -

**Pancake Breakfast update**, Motion made and passed to use profit for Ultra Sound and additional funds from the council treasury to bring total to the \$500 we pledged. Treasury funds were under \$100.

### Unfinished Business,

**Update on Santa's Kids**, The program was explained and a detailed handout is available, several Knights signed up to donate to this program.

**St Patrick's Day Dinner**, Motion made and passed to coordinate with Yesterday's Kids about having the St Patrick's day dinner some other day.

### State Advocate:

Mario presented the Stare Star Council award to Dan as past Grand Knight and awards to the membership chairman and Program chairman. He stated it was important to get the entire form 100 filled in for new members and follow-up with acknowledgement and work assignments for the new member.

### Field Agents report -

Tom wanted to thanks us for allowing him to help us. We helped him meet many milestones including helping us keep our promise to protect our families..

**DD report**, Reminded us to help where we can, Alzheimer's walk phoenix, St Vincent de Paul and other charities. Continue our recruiting efforts.

### Good of the Order read (see page 7) Closing Prayer :

***Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray. O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world for ruin of souls. Amen.***

KofC Council #9482  
Internet site

Have you seen the  
St Andrews Home Page:  
<http://www.standrew-cfc.org/>  
There is a large KofC button  
that directs you to our pages  
internet site:

Have you seen this  
Internet sites?

<https://www.osv.com/>  
OSVNewsweekly

Great site to for all Catholics

Quote of the Month

**“An atheist is a man who has no invisible means of support.”**

Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Membership  
In the Knights

If you have been considering joining or returning to the Knights, Please feel free to contact us directly or through our internet site:

[www.kofc9482.org](http://www.kofc9482.org)

St Mary's Church  
New Haven, CT



Knight of Columbus  
Offices & Museum  
New Haven, CT.



Knights of Columbus  
**INSURANCE**  
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On top of those product guarantees, I guarantee that I will offer professional, high-quality service that you would expect from our organization.

Our Order is among the highest rated life insurers in North America. AM Best has rated the Knights of Columbus “A++, Superior” for 39 consecutive years. It’s a testament to our track record for excellence and security.

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney by providing life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our organization. We pledge to serve our brother Knights, and their families, according to our Golden Rule: “In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.”

Let’s talk soon to discuss how our products can bring that peace of mind to you and your family.

***Merry Christmas to you and your families!***

Tom Moore

Field Agent

Knights of Columbus

Phone 480-307-1170



## 4th Degree News

### New Assembly Update

4th Degree members of our new St. Andrews the Apostle Assembly have been meeting and making final arrangements for the official receipt of our charter from Supreme and the installation of our new officers. We would encourage all 3rd degree members in good standing to consider taking the final step to full knighthood and join us in this wonderful Patriotic Degree. Just talk to any of us for more information. Next Exemplification is in early January down in Tucson.

### Nov. Call outs are:

Our New Color Corp. Commander Dan Blomberg is asking all Honor Guard members to attend a practice session on Dec. 17th from 5 pm to 7 pm.

Please plan on attend and bring your  
Chapeau, sword, Formal Baldric and gloves



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### December Birthdays

Jose Pria - 12/1  
Glenn Goins - 12/1  
Todd Huffman - 12/1  
Tony Huffman - 12/1  
Lawrence Vosters - 12/2  
Dave Woods - 12/3  
Len Adams - 12/4  
Glenn Waterkotle - 12/6  
William Marcotte - 12/7  
John Nagel - 12/10  
Raymond Gentile - 12/12  
Roger Wagner - 12/12  
Jose Calzadilla - 12/12  
Robert Polley - 12/12  
Gerard Violette - 12/13  
James Kehoe - 12/14  
Seth Graham - 12/17  
Jim Kohnen - 12/17  
Gerard Violotte - 12/22  
**Lloyd Schell - 12/25**  
Brion Buser - 12/26

### Anniversaries:

Michael and Nancy Threadgill - 12/3

*Still waiting on more Brother Knights to  
send us your Anniversary Dates*

**If You and your Bride are not listed ,  
Please update your anniversary in-  
formation at the following link:**

<http://kofc9482.org/update>



### 2015-16 Officers

Grand Knight:  
Frank Saavedra

Deputy Grand Knight:  
John Simpson

Chaplain:  
TBD

Financial Secretary:  
Paul Bollard

Field Agent:  
Tom Moore

Chancellor:  
Ed Kuch

Recorder:  
Jeff Leonard

Lecturer:  
Deacon Paul Hursh

Treasurer:  
Harry Moralas

Warden:  
Chuck McKay

Advocate:  
Lloyd Schell

Outside Guard:  
A.J. Fifer

Inside Guard:  
Manny Gonzales

Trustee 3rd Year:  
Dan Stoecklin

Trustee 2nd Year:  
Richard Bruck

Trustee 1st Year:  
Todd Huffman

# ***Upcoming 1st Degree Exemplification Ceremony***

***December 08, 2015 6:00 PM***

***St Thomas Byzantine Catholic Church  
19 West Bruce Street Gilbert, AZ 85233***

## **Why Did You Become A Knight?**

**Becoming a Knight can transform your life.**

As a Knight you have the opportunity to support your parish and give back to your community. We are a band of brothers...a network of men dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbors. Knights are men who get things done...Volunteering our time and talents to serve our parish and community. We are asking each current and past Knight to step up and bring at least one new brother into the Council. Each Knight who signs up a "New Member" will be awarded the Arizona Star Recruiter Pin.

**If you have been an inactive Knight, or know someone who has been and wish to get back in the Council...Contact John Simpson or Richard Bruck at the email addresses on the bottom of this page.**

## **Why Should You Volunteer to Lead or Serve in a Council Service Program?**

Your personal involvements as a Knight will provide opportunities, in charity and fraternity for service to the Church at the local, diocesan and universal levels; to your communities; and to the less fortunate in our midst.

Your active participation in council affairs: spiritual, fraternal, family, social, civic-oriented, athletic and recreational - will serve as a school of leadership and enable you to develop qualities that enhance your strengths and abilities.

You will enjoy a sense of "belonging" in an organization that shares your religious beliefs, brings together like-minded men joined in a common cause and offers the opportunity to develop and cement friendships for years to come.

You will share in the sense of pride all Knights feel in knowing that their Order is second to none in support of our Holy Father, our bishops and priests; in working for our fellow man, especially those most in need and in binding together to preserve traditional values in the face of attacks against the family and innocent human life.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE  
IN ONE OF THE COUNCIL'S SERVICE PROGRAMS, PLEASE CONTACT:  
John Simpson : [jsimpsonaz1@q.com](mailto:jsimpsonaz1@q.com) or Richard Bruck : [richardbruck@gmail.com](mailto:richardbruck@gmail.com)**

**Welcome Transfers and Readmissions!  
Please welcome the following Brother Knights,  
who will be voted on at our Dec 1st meeting:**

- **Allan Dyament** - Transferring from Council 11999, Holy Spirit in Temp, Az.
- **Rual Fonseca** - Readmission - Last active Council 9482, St Andrews
- **Jose Ortiz** - Readmission - Last active Council 9482, St Andrews
- **James Carty** - Readmission - Last active Council 12577, St Michaels, Leawood, Ks.
- **Benjamin Lucas** - Transferring from Northern Arizona University Assembly.

## ***AZ Knights of Columbus - Degree Schedule for Dec, 2015***

**We will be attending an Admission Degree Ceremony (1st degree) Dec 8th  
At St Thomas Byzantine Catholic Church, 19 W. Bruce Ave., Gilbert, Az 85233.**

Candidates should arrive no later than 6:30 PM, Degree Starts at 7 PM.

**We will have 6 candidates attending this ceremony.**

If you plan to attend as an observer, please be prompt.

*Not all of us can do great thing.  
But we can do small things with great love.*

*“Mother Teresa”*

Brother Knights,

Here is a brief report of the trip that Gerry Smith and I made to the O.L.P.H. Orphanage in Jeremie, Haiti back in October (19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>). We had four objectives: (1) to deliver 180 +/- pairs of shoes for the kids in 7 suitcases; (2) to obtain complete measurements for the electrical system up-grade for the boys dormitory being sponsored by our Knights of Columbus Council; (3) do research for upgrading the water storage system at the boys dorm being sponsored by one of St. Andrew's parishioners; and (4) to deliver a letter from Father Scott to Father Garry to reinforce our parishes support of the orphanage and to collect some important records for the transition to our new Pastor Fr. Robert.

We arrived in Port Au Prince on Monday and we made a trip to a local supply house MSC+ (Home Depot of Haiti) to see what materials and equipment could be obtained locally for our proposed electrical up-grade project. The good news is that any and all materials could be purchased locally. An analysis will have to be done to determine if it is cheaper to ship donated electrical supplies from Phoenix to Haiti or source them in PAP. The next day we traveled to the Orphanage.

Upon arrival in Jeremie, Father Garry, Mme. Diline and Victor, our translator, greeted us. Everyone was most anxious to hear news about Father John, they told us how everyone was praying for him and looking forward to when he could come back to Jeremie. We spent the afternoon at the boy's dorm doing our investigations for our future projects. With the help of some of the boys I measured and drew up the dimensions of the boulangerie, (bakery) and the boys dorm so that our electrical designer would have an accurate floor plan to assist in creating his design. Father Garry had previously requested a second 300 gallon +/- backup storage tank for water so that they would have enough water when their water supply was interrupted. He also showed us where an unused 5000 +/- gallon cistern was located that he would like to start using as a backup water storage source. The water system has many leaks and broken lines and is in poor repair.



**Water System in need of repair**



**My understudy assistants**



**So much Love and Joy**

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Deacon Paul's Haiti Trip Continued:



Boys with their new shoes



Girls very happy to have their new shoes

It was great seeing the boys and they all asked about Father John. The girls walked the almost 1 1/2 miles from their dorm to see us as well. They likewise asked about Father John and were anxious for him to get well and return to see them.

Wednesday morning we met with Father Garry, Diline and Patrick, to go over Father Scott's letter and gather the necessary information for a smooth transition.

Wednesday afternoon was spent at the boy's dorm finalizing measurements, playing ball with the kids and passing out shoes. The kids were thrilled with their shoes and truly appreciative for everything that St. Andrew's does for them. We had an early Thursday afternoon flight back to PAP.

The Monday after our return, Rachael and I hosted a dinner meeting with Fr. Scott so that Gerry and I could debrief Father Scott on our trip and turn over all the Information provided by Fr. Garry and his staff.

I rate the trip a great success in that we accomplished all four goals listed above. There has been a lot of anxiety amongst our friends and kids in Jeremie over Father John's health, Father Rick's death and our cancelled early October trip. Everyone wants Father John back in Jeremie whenever he is ready to travel and his welcome will be huge.

## ***Deacon Paul***

### ***Deacon Paul's Advent Message Continued:***

Perhaps this year will be for us a source of grace energy and the time to bring about the coming of God's kingdom here on earth. Advent is a time for the waiting of the arrival of Jesus. However, keep in mind that it is more than just waiting for the first coming – the coming of the baby Jesus... More than that, Advent is about waiting for the second coming of Christ that is written about in our Gospel today. And more than a past coming of the Baby and the future coming of Christ the King, it is also about the present Kingdom of God. A kingdom that is already, but not yet... The Kingdom that Jesus preached about is that Kingdom that already is within us, but needs to be brought forth in our lives. You might ask, "What does this have to do with me?" The answer to this question is the point Paul is trying to make with the Christian community in Thessalonica. He affirms their conduct, but exhorts them to work even harder to bring about the community of love and justice (Kingdom of God) by living this love through their actions in their dealings with each other.

The challenge is how to keep this spirit alive in the hustle and bustle of our daily lives – especially this time of year when there are so many demands on our already busy lives. ...so many expectations to fill the space under the Christmas tree. There are also the distractions and demands on our time; with the social calendar being filled with holiday parties, and year-end work goals fast approaching. This very thing is that warning in Luke's gospel is addressing...

***"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap." (Luke 21:34)***

There is much said in Church circles about "keeping Christ in Christmas", let us then pray like St. Paul...

***Lord make us increase and abound in love for one another and for all..., so as to strengthen our hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. [Amen.] (cf. 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13)***

Isn't this the true meaning of Christmas that we await? If Jesus is the prince of peace and the revelation of God's love on earth, then we should be like him so that we can see him. Then maybe this Advent can be a time of peace and joy as God intends.

## Grand Knights Report

### Good of the order –

Brother Dan Blomberg - Father-in-Law, Bruce Van Heertum

Brother Greg Reid - mother, Joyce Reid

Brother Bill Bennett - daughter Brittaney Fleming

Brother Chittenden – Mother with alzheimers and Kathy.

David Hanson, father of Brother Dave Hanson

Richard McKay the brother of Brother Chuck McKay who has been diagnosed with leukemia

Brother Ed Wagner – Mother, Rita Wagner, with pancreas cancer

Brother Ed Wagner – Wife, Cindy Wagner, with chronic back pain.

Brother Dave Mills, Virginia Mills,

Brother Jeff Leonard - son Jason Leonard and grand-daughter-in-law Cami Wai

Brother Ed Kuch -mother Agnes and mother-in-law Leticia

Brother Todd Huffman -brother Tony

Brother John Simpson - Juliann Simpson Sister-in-Law

Brother AJ - Fiancée Shola Adams and self Bypass procedure

Brother Peter Mills and Wife Melinda Mills, Kathy Osenbau (staff) injured back

Brother David Woods - Son David Lee Woods, Friend Gary Elliot Kemp cancer surgery

Brother Manny Gonzales - wife Michelle

Brother Owen Kelly - June Shea

Brothers Tony & Todd Huffman –Father Larry

Brother John McGraw - Brother Jeff McGraw

Brother Jerry Busser -Great niece Ruth Adams heart surgery

Brother Richard Bruck –Dear friend Louis Koewler, cancer

### Important Updates & Dates to Remember

#### Called to Protect (CTP)

Are you up to date???

*Online yearly renewals (after initial session)  
click on*

*“My Obligations” on the diocesan website*

[www.safeenvironmenttraining.org/classes.php](http://www.safeenvironmenttraining.org/classes.php)

#### Saturday, January 9, 2016

9:00am-12:00pm in the Adult Ed. Center

For additional sessions & locations,  
see the Diocesan website

