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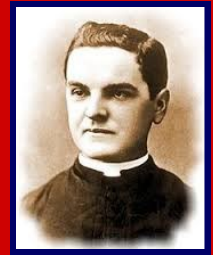
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Knights News

Monthly Newsletter of the
Raul G. Navarrete Council 9482



Good of the Order



Grand Knights Message

By Frank Saavedra

Here it is, another new year. Once again many of us have put together resolutions to improve ourselves. Some of those will include losing weight, eating healthier, and spending more time with family. These are things that deserve our attention and effort. Making improvements in life makes our lives better and happier.

One thing we often don't include in our resolutions is helping others. I think helping others is a way of making a huge improvement in life. In doing that, we can make a huge difference in our own happiness.

So, as you make plans for this new year, make a plan to be more giving and being happier. You can count on me to occasionally bug you to help here and there. Just think of it as me reminding you to be happier.

God Bless and have a Happy New Year!

Knights Schedule

- 01/05 - 6:30PM 4th Degree Meeting, Room Adult Ed.
7:30PM - Business Meeting -
St. Andrew CFC Back in Room H & I
- 01/9-10 - **Be The Match Bone Marrow Drive**, after All Masses
- 01/16 - **Parish Work Day**, Morning of fix up and clean up
- 01/17 - **Pancake Breakfast**; after the 7:30 and 9 am masses,
we always need extra help from 6am - 11am.
- 01/17 - **Basketball Free Throw**, after 7:30 & 9 am. masses
- 01/18 - 6:30PM - **Assembly Officers Meeting** -
7:00PM—**Council Officers Meeting**
St. Andrew CFC Rooms H and I
- 01/23-24 - **Baby Bottle Drive** after all masses this weekend,
wear your Red KofC shirts, 10 minutes after mass.
- 01/24 - 9:00am **Knights Mass and 4th Degree Assembly #3591**
Charter presentation and installation of officers.
Church and Hennessey hall
- 02/01 - 6:30PM 4th Degree Meeting, Room H & I
7:30PM - Business Meeting -
St. Andrew CFC Back in Room H & I
- 02/09 - 7:00 PM - **First Degree Exemplification** -
St Thomas Byzantine - Gilbert
- On-line Updates:** <http://kofc9482.org/activities/>

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Upcoming Event

- 01/23/24 - Baby
Bottle Drive after All
masses
- 01/24/16 - Knights Mass
and Assembly #3591
Charter Presentation
and Installation of
Officers
- 02/07/16 - Wives Apprecia-
tion Brunch
- 02/09/16- 1st Degree Exem-
plification St Thomas
Byzantine Gilbert, AZ
- 02/13/16 - Valentines Candy
Sale
- 02/28/16 - 2nd & 3rd Degree
Exemplification Chan-
dler, AZ
- 03/15/16 - St Patrick's
Party

Details to Follow

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www.kofc9482.org

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Our Next Edition

**Your ideas and articles are
needed.**

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

Send to
newsletter@kofc9482.org

*Please send in a "MS Word
compatible format"*



Lecturer Message
By Deacon Paul Hursh



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

Questions of Faith

December 27, 2015

Have you ever lost a child? We did. It was after our Thanksgiving dinner in 1998. We had all gone out for a walk in our neighborhood. It was between the big Thanksgiving dinner and desert – you know how it is, sometimes there just is no room after the feast to enjoy pumpkin pie. Nathaniel, our third oldest son, who was twelve years old at the time, got separated from our large family gathering as we walked around. Surprisingly, I did not realize he was missing until we got back home and my wife, asked, ***"Where is Nathaniel?"***

At that moment, my heart sank, and I felt bad for not noticing that Nathaniel was missing from our group. When it began to sink in, and when we could not locate him right away, I became frantic – what if someone had abducted him? Or what if he got hurt or even hit by a car? We sent out older family members in all directions to look for him – but with no success. We kept looking, an hour passed, and then two... How could a 12 year old lose his way home; Nathaniel was a precocious child, but he had a terrible sense of direction. Our neighborhood roads were a maze to him and he could not find his way home. I realized that we were not getting anywhere, so I called the Police. While I was still on the phone answering questions, Nathaniel walked through the front door.

Nathaniel was only missing three hours and I was frantic. I can't imagine what Joseph and Mary had felt like after three days of searching. Like Nathaniel, Jesus was also only twelve years old in this story from Luke, and so, like Nathaniel he was only just becoming an adolescent. At 12 years old Jesus would not have yet become a bar mitzvah. (Literally *son of commandment*, in Aramaic.) According to Jewish law, when Jewish boys become 13 years old, they become accountable for their actions and become a bar mitzvah.

Prior to reaching bar mitzvah age, the child's parents hold the responsibility for their child's actions. After this age, the boys bear their own responsibility for Jewish ritual law, tradition, and they are able to participate in all areas of Jewish community life. Traditionally, the father of the bar mitzvah gives thanks to God that he is no longer punished for the child's sins (Genesis Rabbah, Toldot 23:11). Knowing this, helps me to understand why Joseph and Mary would have been doubly concerned for their 12 year old son. It would also shed light on their astonishment at his taking on his adult role of debating with his elders, asking and answering questions on matters of faith before his bar mitzva. The general trend throughout Jewish history is to value debate and not to stifle it, and the history of Jewish texts supports that trend.

In today's story, Jesus has chosen to make the bold move of revealing himself right in the center of Judaism's religious capital. Jerusalem will also be the place where Jesus will return at the end of his life. As an adult, Jesus will not astonish the elders as he did when he was a child. Again he will exchange questions and challenge the religious authorities on matters of faith. However, this time they will become outraged with Him and not only stifle the debate, but insist on his death – and it will be the elders, not Jesus, who will depart from Jewish tradition.

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

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As I think back to our missing son, Mary's question, ***"Son, why have you done this to us?"*** rings in my ear with the same seriousness and tension as that question 17 years ago, ***"Where is Nathaniel?"*** There is much we can learn from Luke's Gospel on how to address the challenges and tensions we experience in our families today, as parents and children.

Sadly, we might not think it unusual today, if our adolescent child loses their way due to a poor sense of direction. I'm talking here about matters of faith... Of course, our role as parents is to do our best to bring our children up in the faith. However, even with our best efforts, our children can lose their way like the prodigal son. It may be for an hour, a day, or perhaps even years.

The Parable of the Prodigal Son from Luke's Gospel (Luke 15) is a story that repeats itself in every generation. Some say this is everyone's story in which we all play a part. Sometimes our role in the story is that of the prodigal son, and other times as the gracious parent. Like the Father in the story we have to let them go and give them room to find the limits of their own human abilities, so that they can come to their *senses*. It is so hard to let a son or daughter go into the world on his or her own. To simply let them go. ...and to be ever present, ready and waiting to run out to meet them, to embrace them, and to welcome them home on their return.

Jesus, is no prodigal son, knows exactly what he was doing, or so I believe. This is the first time in scripture where Jesus now speaks for himself for the first time. It is interesting to note that even though he seems deeply aware of his mission, he submits to his mother's request and returns home. Yes, this is a truly remarkable son by any standard. Perhaps it is because, after he returned home, ***he advanced in wisdom, and age, and favor before God and man.*** The next time we see Jesus in scripture, is 18 years later. Jesus is being baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan River. (Luke 3)

Jesus has a unique relationship to God and a clear sense of his calling, one that transcends his relationship to his earthly parents. This relationship is one of love and it is evident at the Jordan River where the Spirit of God proclaims, ***"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*** (Luke 3:22) With these words Jesus is led into the desert and tempted by the Devil, tempted to prove he was a beloved Son of God by performing miracles. (Luke 4) The devil is no match for him, because Jesus trusted his identity in the Father. Perhaps Jesus was so affirmed and so assured of his Father's love, that he did not need to prove anything to anyone, least of all to the Devil. He already knew the truth – that he is a beloved son.

Perhaps what we need to do as parents is to raise our children as best we can, and then let them know that they are loved by us and that they are beloved children of their Father in heaven. Maybe then they won't need to prove anything to anyone. And perhaps if they are tempted, and lose their way from time to time (as we all do), they will know that we, by the grace of God, will always be there for them. They will trust that we will always welcome them home when they choose to return. I struggle with this, as I am sure most parents do.

For those of us who have children that have left the faith, my prayer is for our own deeper faith in a God whom we can truly trust. A divine Father of second chances who graces us to be parents of second chances for our own children. I pray for trust in God and strength in ourselves as parents who worry about our children, and who like us, get lost from time to time, and need to be welcomed home again and again. I also pray that we all can ***'advance in wisdom, and age, and favor before God and man.'***

Finally, I pray for patience and the gracious space to allow for forgiveness and acceptance in our families and in our world, during this year of Mercy.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

THE LORD is the one who SUSTAINS ME

- Psalm 54:4 -

Discovering Christ

Saturday Mornings – Hennessey Hall 8:30am to 10:30am

Discovering Christ – A seven-week experience that creates a warm, welcoming, non-threatening, non-pressurized and non-judgmental environment where guests are loved and accepted unconditionally. All have permission to be real and authentic no matter what one's views are. Members of our parish can bring family, friends or other guests to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ.

Each session will include:

A free full-breakfast,

Dynamic teaching

Engagement in small group discussions.

The high point of this course is the life changing retreat!

Begins February 13th – We will cover the following:

Feb. 13 th	What is the Meaning of Life?
Feb. 20 th	Why Does Jesus Matter?
Feb. 27	What Does Jesus Want Us to Know?
March 5 th	Why Do I Need A Savior?
March 12 th	Why is the Resurrection Important?
March 19 th	RETREAT Day -The Holy Spirit and You
March 26 th	Being a Disciple
April 2 nd	Break
April 9 th	Why We Need the Church

What People from St. Andrews are saying about this:

"Felt I had a very broken relationship with Christ and did not feel worthy of his forgiveness. I believe I was having trouble with my overall forgiveness. I feel I have a rebuilt that relationship and will continue to strengthen it."

"I was able to speak about my feelings about Jesus and the Church in a way I have never done before."

"I feel more focused and wanting a closer relationship with Jesus. The more we know him, the more we love Him. Loving my Catholic faith. More please!"

I feel I took a BIG step forward spiritually and have such a desire to continue. Thank you So much for the outstanding experience."

For More Information and to Register:

Go to the St. Andrew The Apostle Website or pick up a flyer in the Narthex!

Contact Bill Marcotte at x110 or email: bmarcotte@standrewchandler.com.

ALL Men of St. Andrew's and especially our Brother Knights:

This Catholic Men's Conference is co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

It offer each and every Catholic Man an opportunity to spend the day listening to and reflecting on what being a stronger in our Catholic Faith and how to take this forward in our daily lives.

Please consider joining your fellow Brothers for a day of refection and enrichment!

**“FOR CENTURIES
MEN HAVE
RESPONDED TO
THE CALL TO
ENTER
SPIRITUAL BATTLE.**

**BE CONFIDENT! BE
BOLD! FORWARD,**

**INTO THE
BREACH!”**

-BISHOP THOMAS J. OLMSTED

**FEB
6**

**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE
CMFP.ORG**

9:00am-5:00pm

Xavier College Prep Performing Arts Auditorium

**To purchase tickets or for more info, contact Bill Marcotte at
(480)899-1990 ext. 110 or bmarcotte@standrewchandler.com**

***Tickets are limited so call or email Bill Marcotte ASAP
to assure your ticket to this conference.***

Chaplin's message: Fr. Robert or Deacon Paul were not present

Reading/Approval of minutes: Read and approved

Report of admissions committee: New member Steve sparks introduced, recruitment Sunday very successful

Balloting for membership: Eric Evans, John (Jack) Heffernan, James Buggie, Jaun Ruiz -Narvaez and Walter Douglas presented and were accepted into the Council. Transfers, Ben Lucas and Allen Dyament

Next First Degree Dec 8th, 6:30pm St Thomas Bizintine

Grand Knights report:

Supreme web Site has four charitable causes to support

Council 1st degree team update: Each council will be responsible for their own 1st Degree team, see the GK to help

9th annual Men's Conference on Saturday, 2/6/16 – just a reminder

Christmas Party Update: Dec 11th see web site to sign up, pot luck items

Father Son Campout: Alex is the Camp director for this program and we need activity chairman Still looking for activities volunteers, expect a great time, date is mid-August

Haiti electrical project update: Items collected can't be sent to Haiti, expect to buy there, funds to support travel an issue. Status of current orphanage is up in the air. We definitely need clarification.

St. Patrick Day celebration update: will ask Todd to speak to this, Dinner will be March 15th. We'll help sell tickets and split profit with Yesterday's Kids. Planning meeting being scheduled

Parish Work Day: will ask Todd to speak to this, Plan on Saturday, Jan 16th, 8 -to noon, Todd will have details at next meeting

Coats for Kids: ask for motion to provide 2 boxes of coats, 1 for girls and 1 for boys

Motion made a passed to spend \$300 for 12 girls and 12 Boys coats all elementary level sizes. Steve Spark's organization will do the distribution.

Blood Drive , Free Throw contest and Breakfast Sunday Jan 17th, Volunteers needed.

Report of Service Programs

Pancake Breakfast: Sunday Dec 20th

Unfinished Business–

Update on Santa's Kids: Dec 5th, start at 6am, JC Penny's

Blood Drive Jan 17th

New Business

Keep Christ in Christmas car magnets, window stickers: We'll check with church and gift shop if we can sell next year

Bone Marrow Drive: Jan 10th after each Mass, need volunteers to help. "Be The Match" Charity

Fourth Degree Report

4th Degree Exemplification in Tucson Jan 9th

4th Degree in Phoenix area Jun 2016

Update on our Assembly: Dan said checkout National Geographic's Dec. Issue on Mary, Great feature article Assembly waiting for Charter, it's in the Mail

Field Agents report: Tom Moore stated we are at 17% of our Insurance goal and 75% toward membership goal. Insurance is boring. Prayer is important, we as knights are providers for more than just our families. We are the miracles helping others: Santa's Kids, Haiti, Coats and etc.

DD report: Ken White asked us to keep abreast for abortion related bills and contact our representative. Also stated that Supreme is stressing ceremonials related to Degree events, meetings, installations and other KOC specific functions. The DD will certify any degree teams. The free throw finals will be in March.

Meeting ended with a prayer

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/](https://www.osv.com/OSVNewsweekly)
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

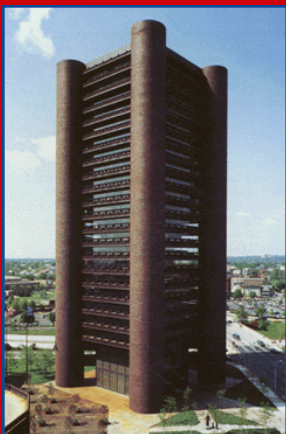
**Membership
In the Knights**

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

St Mary's Church New Haven, CT



Knight of Columbus Offices & Museum New Haven, CT.



Knights of Columbus INSURANCE YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Put Your Loved Ones First

During the month of January, we spend a lot of time thinking about ourselves. What will our New Year's resolutions be? How will we change our lives? What will 2016 bring for us?

But what about the ones you love? Is protecting them part of your plan for 2016? Sure, there's a lot that you can and do to protect your loved ones. You make sure they're safe. You make sure they're taken care of. You do your best to make them happy. But what if you weren't there for them? What if you couldn't be?

Many are afraid to think about life insurance because they're afraid of their mortality. But life insurance isn't about dying, it's about helping your family to live if and when something should happen to you.

Life insurance allows you to continue providing for your family after you're gone, by seeing to it that they have the money they need to be as safe and secure as they have always been. It can provide mortgage protection, income replacement, retirement income, final expenses, and so much more.

And life insurance doesn't need to be a gift that you'll never see given. Your family can benefit from your policy while you're still here to see them enjoy it.

So this Valentine's Day, when you're out buying that box of chocolates or flowers for your wife to express your continued love for her, make a point to schedule time with me to get your wife a special life-giving gift that will help you to protect her and your whole family for decades

Vivit Jesus

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4th Degree News

New Assembly Update

On Sunday, January 24 immediately following a Knights Mass, the Arizona District Master will present St Andrew's Assembly #3591 with our Charter and install the first officers in our new Assembly. This is a major step in our KofC history here at St. Andrews CFC.

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. Planning has started for the exemplification in June!



January Call outs are:

**The Tucson Exemplification will be the 1st call out the year for Arizona
And as we have not fully installed our officers or received our Charter
our new candidates are holding until the June Exemplification in Phoenix.**

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January Birthdays

Larry Gilsdorf - 1/4
Andrew Russell - 1/5
Richard Vullo - 1/5
Dan Sagisi - 1/10
David Bucher - 1/11
Adrian Boyer - 1/13
Bryan Swindler - 1/13
Alex Santucci - 1/16
Henry Wilczynski - 1/18
Tim Meehan - 1/19
Deacon Paul Hursh - 1/19
Greg Reid - 1/20
Dan Stoecklin - 1/22
Ed McCarthy - 1/22
Mark Suchorabski - 1/23
Michael Wusterbarth - 1/24
Matt Orlando - 1/25
Michael Dixon - 1/25
Dan Meyers - 1/26
Michael Threadgill - 1/26
Michael Raborn - 1/27
Gil Salcido - 1/27
Paul Bollard - 1/27
Andrew Holloway - 1/28
Bob McDonnell - 1/29
Larry Huffman - 1/29
Greg Walt - 1/29
Seth Tyler - 1/30
Thomas Strubbe - 1/30

Anniversaries:

Kate and Marvin Fifer - 1/8

***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:
Fr. Robert Aliunzi, A.J.

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

February 09, 2016 6:30 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 Become a 2nd, 3rd and 4th Degree Knight

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.

A First Degree exemplification ceremony, by which a man joins the Order, explicates the virtue of charity. He is then said to be a **First Degree Knight of Columbus**.

Second Degree Knights, Formation Degree, focuses on another virtue of unity and he rises to that status.

Third Degree, Knighthood Degree, a gentleman is considered a full member.

Fourth Degree, Patriot Degree, is the highest degree of the order.

Members of this degree are addressed as "**Sir Knight**".

The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism and to encourage active Catholic citizenship.

Upcoming 2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplification Ceremony

Sunday - February 28, 2016 9:30 AM

644 East Chandler Blvd. Chandler, AZ 85225

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE
IN ONE OF THE COUNCIL'S SERVICE PROGRAMS, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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Good of the Order

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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 Alzheimer's and Kathy.
Brother Dave Hanson - Father, David Hanson
Brother Chuck McKay - Brother, Richard 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 John Simpson - Sister-in-Law, Juliann Simpson
Brother AJ - Fiancée Shola Adams and Bypass procedure for AJ
Brother Peter Mills - Wife Melinda Mills
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
Brother Tracy Hernandez & Brother Knight Dan Meyer
Brother Lloyd Schell - Daughter Roxanne Williams, heart attack
Brother Ken White - Delta White, health issues
Brother Ken Kulinowski - Wife Patricia, surgery recovery
Kathy Osenbau (parish staff) injured back

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

Saturday, January 9, 2016

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

For additional sessions & locations,
see the Diocesan website

