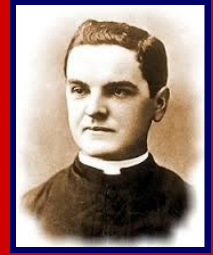




MAY Newsletter Council 9482



MAY 2025 Grand Knight's Message

The Knights
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Columbus Principles:

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Hello Everyone,
Well here we are almost at the end of another fraternal year. It went by so fast for me.

April activities were great and all went quite well! The last of our Lenten fish fries, The Knights leading Stations of the Cross (with new brother Deacon Mike!), Pancake Breakfast, The Mass of the Lord's Supper & Adoration, Vigil Mass Presentation of Rosaries and Flame Lighting, and closing with the kid's mass of confirmation and Holy Communion.

At this writing (4/27), our total sales of State Raffle Tickets is over \$6200. The final drawing will be held at the State Convention on 5/3 at Wild Horse Pass. I wish you all the best of luck! We'll also have some local winners who were selected at our April Officers meeting on Monday, 4/28. All winners will be announced and contacted ASAP.

Looking forward to May, we'll have our annual See's Candy Sales weekend (5/3-5/4), Clothing Drive for Operation Restoring Veteran Hope, Pancake Breakfast, and serving lunch at St. Vincent DePaul in Phoenix. Please come out and help for anything you can do. Signup through the Call to Action.

Note, we're also still looking for help in our leadership ranks and would like to finalize a roster by end of May. Financial Secretary (thanks to Jose Suarez as he winds down his 3 year term), Trustees, Inside Guard, Retention Director, and program leaders. See the roles below. Please reach out to any leader at any time and come to our meeting on May 12th. We'd love your help!

Reminder that June and July will be quiet. No members meetings. In June, we'll hand out prayer cards the weekend of Father's Day. We'll also lead a 5th Sunday Rosary on 6/29 at 8:30. See the Call to Action for Details. We're also planning a hall cleaning event in June. We'll pick a Saturday and come in around 8 and clean the kitchen and parts of the hall to wrap up our pancake breakfast and fish fry seasons. Then we can start fresh in September. Nothing currently planned for July. If anyone wants to suggest something or get together somehow, please bring your ideas to the May meeting.

Attached with this newsletter is our still DRAFT complete 25-26 calendar of events. Please review and bring your questions and/or suggestions to the May members meeting. As I've been telling all of our new brothers, if you don't find what you're expecting in our plan of events, please raise your hand and let us know what else you'd like to see us do – but be ready to help me lead anything new! I can't lead each and every program or event but I will do all I can to support those of you leading those programs and events.

That's all for now!
Thanks, Regards, God Bless, and Vivat Jesus!
Brad Hillman

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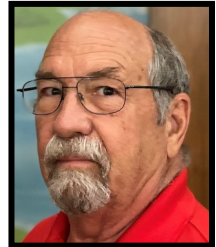
Next Meetings

General 5/12

Officers 5/26

- **Check your food handlers card NOW!** If it is expired or close to expiring renew online at www.azfoodhandlers.com and get a copy of the new card to Dan Blomberg
 - **Renewing your “call to protect” online will start JULY 2nd.**
Go to <https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org/>
Send the Chancellor your completion certificate
- Also check the expiration date of your background check.
If it expires within the next 6 months you should request a renewal.

April Reflection Easter



“For when peaceful stillness encompassed everything and the night in its swift course was half spent,
Your all-powerful Word from heaven’s royal throne leapt into the doomed land,... (Wisdom 18:14, 15)
This season we observe what to me are the two most momentous events since the creation. On March 25 we observed the solemnity of the Annunciation/Incarnation when the creator entered into his own creation.

With the Annunciation, Mary said “Yes” to God’s invitation. It wasn’t an “OK”, or some passive agreement. The Church calls her yes her “Fiat”. Merriam Webster provides this definition: ...act of will that creates something without or as if without further effort. Her Yes was an act of will, a total, complete surrender of her own will, her whole self to the will of God. With that yes, the Son of God through whom all of creation came into being, entered into his own creation. I think every atom of the universe must have shuddered.

Now Jesus became man, entered into all that it means to be human, giving up his divine prerogative but not his divinity, for one purpose – to rescue me, to rescue you, to rescue all of humanity.

For most of my life I viewed the story of the fall of Adam and Eve as - so they ate an apple they weren’t supposed to. God said don’t but they did it anyway. Kind of like when Mom said stay out of the cookies and I ate one anyway. It’s not the end of the world.

Well, guess what. It was. Adam and Eve turned their back on God and all that he had for them. They said, you’re holding out on us. We want it all and we want it now. This serpent said you’re a liar and we believe him. With that yes to the serpent, Adam and Eve surrendered all of creation to sin, to death and to hell. I think you could say it was a betrayal, an act of treason. They made a deal with the devil and in doing so, they sold themselves and all their offspring and all of creation into his dominion. With Mary’s yes to God, the rescue mission begins.

Holy Mary who, with your fiat, your love for God and his creation burst through the gates of the dark dominion so that the one who is the Light of the world could enter in, pour out your graces on us your sons so that we may love as you do.

The whole of the Paschal Mystery is about our redemption, our deliverance from the dominion of Satan. As Moses delivered the Hebrews from the dominion of Pharaoh, Jesus delivers us from the dominion of sin.

Beginning on Holy Thursday, we begin the journey through, or into, the Paschal Mystery. All of these events are made present.

The Last Supper, the Agony in the Garden, the betrayal by Judas, the trial, scourging, crowning with thorns, crucifixion and Resurrection are all re-presented, made present in every Mass, but during Easter week we have the opportunity to see it all, to feel it all, to come to a greater appreciation and understanding of what Christ did for us.

At every Mass, we are called to do more than just observe. We are called to participate, to enter into the Mystery. So, as that old, wonderful hymn asks, “Were you there when they crucified my Lord?”, yes we are there.

We are there at the Last Supper as Jesus institutes the Eucharist. We are there in the garden as he is pressed down with the weight of our sin, our grief, our doubt, our suffering, our betrayal, our indifference.

We are there when Judas betrays Our Lord with a kiss. As I was reflecting on this, it came to me that the name of Jesus is like a kiss. When you say that holy name, is it a kiss of affection, of trust, of love, or is it a kiss of betrayal?

We are there for the trial, the scourging, the crowning with thorns. Are you among the crowd? Are you cheering on the Roman soldiers as they tear the flesh from Jesus’ body with their cruel whips? Do you see me among the crowd? Jesus gave St. Faustina to know that the scourging was for the sins of the flesh.

We are there for the crowning with thorns. Bishop Fulton Sheen explains that this was for the sins of the mind. Our pride, envy, egotism. How often did we spit upon him with our putdowns of others designed to make us feel more important?

We are there as the crowd demands he be crucified. “Crucify him!” I’ll do it my way. “Crucify him!” I’ll be me. “Crucify him!”

We are there as he carries his cross, as he falls, as he sees his Mother, as Simon of Cyrene is pressed into service to help carry the cross. Perhaps now we begin to understand, to appreciate what he is doing for us. Perhaps now we begin to understand that he will walk with us in our suffering, that he will help us to bear our burdens.

We are there as he is nailed to the cross, as he says, “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.” He’s not asking this just for those who participated in the whole cruel play of events at the time. He’s asking for you, for me.

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We’re on the Web! www.kofc9482.org
Signup for Activities

Reflection continued

We are there as he gives us his Mother to love and cherish. Hail holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then most gracious advocate thine eyes of mercy toward us and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.

We are there with Mary Magdalene when she finds the empty tomb. He is risen! Alleluia, he is risen! Death has been conquered. We are free, free at last. Alleluia!

What a gift Our Lord has given us with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Do I dare approach him through whom all that is was created, who suffered, died was buried and rose from the dead, and now wants to unite himself with me there present in the Eucharist?

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Vivat Jesus

Larry

Call to Order on Monday, April 7, at 6 pm By SK Dan Blomberg

Report of Faithful Friar None

Report of Faithful Color Corp Commander

Holy Thursday Callout and Adoration - Apr 17, 7 pm to midnight, open to all Brothers if no regalia ok to just wear dark suit. Room A

Report of Faithful Navigator

Need to elect new Comptroller Dan Sexton Volunteered-

Reading of Bills and Communications - None

Report of Faithful Comptroller

Joe Allgeier was voted in to replace Dan Sexton as Inner Sentinel

Report of Faithful Purser available

Report of the Admission Committee

We have two upcoming Forth Degree Exemplification come to the Valley. April 26th in Glendale at St Helens and June 14th at Corpus Christi in Ahwatukee

Report of the Patriotic Committee

- AJ is working with the Boy Scouts four Flag day and other Patriotic events

Report of the Veteran Affairs Committee - No Report

Report of the Social Activities Committee

-Schedule a social dinner for May and invite third degree members Paid by assembly

Unfinished Business

Report of Trustees - Prepare new officers roster for next year

New Business

Closing ceremonies @ 6:20pm

The new Council and Aassembly year is just around the corner

July 1st to June 30th

Please consider becoming an officer of the Council or Assembly

See any officer if you have interest or questions

Members Birthdays

Alan	Dreyfus	5/03
Daniel	Sexton	5/05
Art	Romero	5/09
Thomas	Partel	5/18
Robert	Butler	5/19
Thomas	Donegan	5/20
Chuck	Mckay	5/20
James	Ward	5/21
Daniel	Von Flue	5/21

Chancellor / Program Director Message MAY 2025

Take a look at the Calendar (Pg 5),

Please signup when you can work.

Go to the our web site

www.kofc9482.com/event-sign-up

Vivat Jesus ,
Jeff Leonard

Call to Order: by Worthy Grand Knight at time: 6:35

Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting: s. Approved

Grand Knight's Report:

New members attending? Welcome! Frank Manilla, returned looking forward to active member!

Help Needed!

Financial Secretary – Someone with financial skills, knows spreadsheets, etc. Nominated/appointed for a 3-year term.

First Year Trustee –

Retention Director –

Positions are still open. As we plan for our officer's election, we'll consider moving existing officers to new positions to make room for anyone interested in a specific role that might not currently be vacant. Good for cross training.

Also need anyone interested in (or just capable of!):

Leading / Planning / Supporting current or new events

Buying member supplies – shirts, name tags, etc

Buying event supplies

Stocking and maintaining storage and kitchen prior to events

CUF degree team

Baby Bottle Drive Lead

Come to the next officers meeting (4/28, H&I) to learn more.

2025 Calendar:

4/11 – Lenten Fish Fry – Last One! - Thanks to everyone else for coming out and helping.

Father asked about doing Fish Fry on Good Friday approved us doing, late notice decision to not move forward this year....put on calendar for 2026.

5/3 – 5/4 – See's Candy Sales – Signup!

5/10 – 5/24 – Operation Restoring Veteran Hope (ORVH) – Place bins in Narthex, collect and distribute donated items, remove bins. Who can lead this activity?

5/12 – Next Monthly Members Meeting – Can't always schedule these on the same week/day of the month. Dependent on hall availability. Watch the calendar and Call to Action.

5/18 - Pancake Breakfast – Beneficiary: TBD –

5/31 – Serve Lunch at St. Vincent de Paul Phoenix – sign up sheet on-line plan on carpooling. Also dates set for August and November

Trustees Report: Marvin Fifer, Jeff Amour, Open/TBD:

Financial Report: Alex Santucci & Jose Suarez: State raffle ticket sales going well. Discussion on pulling the parish winners at upcoming officers meeting.

Need to do deep dive on costs...on surface appears we are just breaking even on Fish Fry may need to look at costs vs. free will donation next year

Deputy Grand Knight: Dan Blomberg

DGK Updates

Membership Report: Chris Rosner

Update on any New Members including transfers:

Next live CUF degree: Switching to online. Less time commitment, easier to schedule and assure attendance, better documentation through Supreme.

Next live 4th Degree: TBD, Phoenix area later this year.

Retention/Procurement Director:

Mike Threadgill's been leading. Can we get someone to help him and cross train for times when he's not available?

Web Master and Father McGivney Guild: AJ Fifer / Jeff Leonard

Chancellor's Report: Jeff Leonard noneR

Faith: Larry Vosters

Adoration:

5th Sunday Rosary: 6/29 – TBD

Life: Dan Blomberg

Community: Rob

Family: Jose Suarez

Fundraising: (OPEN)

Raffle ticket sales – Sharing with Caring Ministries & Grow Haiti's Children; need to get 501 c3 info from parish reach out to Mary?

Pancake Breakfast Proceeds – April – Caring Ministry, May – Catholic Daughters of America? May proceeds going to Aid to Women, voted and approved

Food Handlers Card: If serving or cooking at Pancake Breakfast or other food events, you need to have a current card (check expiration dates). Printed copies of cards need to be filed in the kitchen to support state audits. Training: <https://premierfoodsafety.com/food-handlers-card/maricopa>

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Report of the 4th Degree: AJ Fifer

Report of the Worthy Field Agent: Gary Kwapiszeski
excused

Report of the Worthy District Deputy: Orin Garcia
excused

Unfinished Business
TBD

New Business
May Pancake Breakfast – Catholic Daughters of America? Any other suggestions?

Good of the Order
Knights to commit to remembering any or all people on our Good of the Order daily in prayer.

Lecturer's Reflection: Larry Voster – Into the Breach Video Series

Episode 6: Why Men Must Stand Up
Next up: Episode 8: How to Embrace Suffering

Grand Knights Summary
Thanks!

Welcome New Members!

Keep signing up!

Adjournment at 7:20 pm

Calendars MAY and JUNE

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MAY

(Signup Please)

- 5/3-4 Sees Candy (stop by and help)**
- 5/12 Knights members meetings, Hennessy Hall,
Assembly 6pm, dinner 6:30pm, Council meeting 7pm**
- 5/18 Pancake Breakfast**
- 5/23 Social Dinner / Date Night Nando's 6pm, 3rd Degree signing
up for 4th degree get a free dinner for self and Spouse**
- 5/27 Tues, Officers Meeting 6pm Assembly, 6:20 Council (H&I)**
- 5/31 Knights serving Lunch St Vincent de Paul**

JUNE

- 6/4 VBS KOC serving Lunch 11:30am-1pm Hennessy Hall**
- 6/21-22 KOC Holy Family Prayer Cards after all Masses**
- 6/23 Officers Meeting 6pm Assembly,**
- 6/29 Rosary Sunday 8:30am (Before 9am Mass)**

We're on the Web! www.kofc9482.org

Signup for Activites

By Signing up online you let organizers know our event coverage and supports planning efforts. Go to our web site

“kofc9482.org/event-sign-up”

May Council Message

Brothers, Each of us is in a different phase of life. Some of us are younger, some of us are older. Perhaps you've spent a considerable amount of time planning for your financial future. Or, if you're like many people, you're not quite sure where to start.

Knights of Columbus, along with its wholly owned investment subsidiary, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, can help you navigate life's financial journey with insurance solutions to protect what matters most and investment options to help you plan for your future.

Let's start with a few basics.

You'll first want to ensure you're protected in case of the unexpected. Knights of Columbus life insurance can help give you peace of mind whether you have a growing family or simply want protection for years to come. It's important not to assume that coverage through a current employer is sufficient — what happens if you can no longer work, switch jobs, or retire? Make sure to have a life insurance plan in place to meet your future needs.

As you start to lay your financial foundation, it is essential to start preparing for retirement. The Knights of Columbus can offer you reliable annuity options to provide guaranteed retirement income.

Additionally, through our affiliate Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, you can start your personalized investment journey — in alignment with Catholic guidelines — to help you reach your retirement goals. Last but certainly not least — it is essential to ensure you and your loved ones have the living benefits you need in place. Have you considered disability income insurance or long term care insurance from Knights of Columbus?

Starting the process of exploring your insurance and financial security goals may feel daunting. But as your agent, I'm here to help. Let's set up time to talk to ensure you are on the right path to protecting your family, preparing for retirement, and ultimately ensuring your financial well-being.

Thank you!
Gary

Post Script: You can visit KofC.org and KoCAA.org for detailed information on what each of KofC and KoCAA can offer members directly

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Some April Pictures



Incase you miss Easter Vigil , these are pictures of the candle lighting ceremony



Ice Cream Social after confirmation. Notice the servers bearing down to dig out hard Ice cream. This was fun but more work than expected. Vanilla went first, then Chocolate with a scoop of Strawberry left..



Brad recruiting them early?



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www.kofc9482.org

Quote of the Month

"The future starts today, not tomorrow."

Pope Frances

Membership

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

Assembly 3591 2024-2025 Officers

Council 9482 2024-2025 Officers

Faithful Navigator
A.J. Fifer

Faithful Friar
Fr. Nicholas Koro

Faithful Comptroller
Open

Faithful Admiral
Jeff Amour

Faithful Captain
Larry Voster

Faithful Pilot
Dennis Sullivan

Faithful Purser
José Suarez

Faithful Scribe:
Jose Calzadilla

Inner Sentinel
Dan Sexton

Outer Sentinel
Manny Gonzales

Spiritual Advisor
Fr. Nicholas Koro

Trustee 1 Year
Brad Hillman

Trustee 2 Year
Chris Rosner

Trustee 3 Year
Jeff Leonard

District Master
Michael Paz

Color Core Cmdr
Dan Blomberg

Grand Knight
Brad Hillman

Deputy Grand Knight
Dan Blomberg

Chaplain
Father Nicholas Koro

Chancellor
Jeff Leonard

Lecturer
Larry Voster

Financial Secretary
José Suarez

Treasurer
Alex Santucci

Recorder
Jose Calzadilla

Advocate
Joe Pettersen

Warden
Steven Ramelot

Inside Guard
Dan Sexton

Outside Guard
Manual Gonzales

1 year Trustee
Open

2 year Trustee
Marvin Fifer

3 year Trustee
Jeff Amour

District Deputy
Orin Garcia

Upcoming
Charity, Unity,
Fraternity
Ceremony
TBA
Upcoming
Patriotic
Degree
Ceremony
4/26
St Helens
6/14
Corpus
Christi

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Good
of the
Order
and
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for the
MAR & APR
Calendars

2025– Service Program Directors
and Activity Chairs
MAY-July Programs



- ◆ **Council/Program Director: Jeff Leonard**
 - Backup: **Open**

- ◆ **Spiritual Director: Fr. Nicholas Koro**
 - Lector: Larry Vosters

- ◆ **Public Relations Director: Brad Hillman**
 - Backup: **Open**
 - Monthly Newsletter: Jeff Leonard
 - Parish Council/Ministries: Brad Hillman
 - Weekly Call to Action: Brad
 - Weekly Bulletin and Friday Flash: Brad Hillman

- ◆ **Web Master Director: Jeff Leonard**
 - Backup: **Brad, AJ**
 - Website maintained/updated
 - Pictures and Video's: Marvin and AJ Fifer

- ◆ **Membership Director: Chris Rosner**
 - Backup:
 - Admission Committee: Chris Rosner
 - Membership Recruitment Spring (Apr) Campaign
 - Shepard Program: AJ Fifer
 - CUF Degree Team: Chris Rosner

- ◆ **Retention and Advancement: Open**
 - Backup: open
 - Honorary Life Memberships
 - Dues
 - Birthday/Anniversary
 - Get Well Cards
 - Call to Protect
 - Parishioners helping Parishioners: Larry Vosters
 - Follow-up Phone Calls and Visits
 - Homebound/Special Needs:
 - Dr. Appointments/Meals
 - Repairs

- ◆ **Faith Director: Larry Voster**
 - Backup: Chris Johns
 - Council meeting reflection/Lector
 - 5th Sunday Rosary/Knights Mass (AJ/Dan)
 - Holy Week activities (MAY)
 - Consecration to the Holy Family 3 x's (May, June)
 - Adoration Larry Voster

- ◆ **Advocate: Joe Petersen**
 - Backup:
 - Supplies/Organize Cabinets

- ◆ **Life Director: Dan Blomberg**
 - Backup: **Chris Johns**
 - Pro-Life Activities (40 Days) Spring
 - MAY for Life, Novena for Life (Jan)
 - Baby Bottle Drive: Open
 - Ultra Sound dinner (Feb)

- ◆ **Community Director: Robert Kozlowski**
 - Backup:
 - Blood Drives: , Larry Vosters
 - Disaster Preparedness: John Negron
 - Helping Hands:
 - Justa Center: Dan Sexton
 - Food Banks: Jose Calzadilla

- ◆ **Family Director: Jose Suarez**
 - Backup:
 - Youth Coordinator: Father Nick
 - Food Drives: Richard Zumwalt
 - Family Events
 - Multicultural Festival (Mar):
 - Free Throw (Jan):
 - Wives Appreciation Brunch ????
 - Catholic Essay Contest (Feb)

- ◆ **Fund Raising Director: Jeff Leonard**
 - Backup: **AJ**
 - Pancake Breakfast (Jan-May)
 - Lenten Fish Fry (Feb-Apr)
 - State Raffle (MAY-MAY):
 - Mother's Day See's Candy (May): Jeff Leonard
 - Stadium Events ?????

Name	Prayers for
Mike Brzeczek	Daughter Sarah, daughter-in-law
Dan Blomberg	Baylor and Entire Kimura Family
Richard Bruck	Susan Kocher
Marvin Fifer	Wife Kate Fifer
AJ Fifer	Mel, Nathaniel, and Natasha
Manny Gonzales	Manuel Gonzales Sr (dad), Ray Quackenbush (father-in-law Passed 3/24)
Manny Gonzales	Wife, Michelle Gonzales, Regina Mirizio, Paul & Stephanie Clark (In-Laws)
Jonathon Goodrich	Lin Goodrich, Ed Goodrich, Tim Goodrich
Brad Hillman	Paul and Beth Hillman, Alyssa & Kevin Bauman
Jeff Leonard	Wife Merrily, Son Jason, sisters-in-law Beth & Dinelle
John Negron	Brother Jeff Negron, Scott O'Connal
John Negron	C B Long, David Campbell
Frank Saavedra	Kris Saavedra
Alex Santucci	Michael Dytri, Darren Usher
Dan Sexton	Lori Rourke
Jerel Simpson	Stephen Tomeck, JoAnne Manaski, Helen Blair, Michele Zehner
John Simpson	Wife Jennifer, Jolene Barton
Jose Suarez	Family in Venezuela
Dennis Sullivan	John Sullivan, Collen Sullivan, Bob Noth, Joseph Sullivan, Walsh Family
Greg Thummel	Brother Allen
Larry Vosters	Wife Barb, son-in-law Dale Thorne?
Council 9482	Jude Cole, James Kohnen, Mark Godfrey
Council 9482	St. Andrew Priests, Fr Scott, Children in Haiti
Council 9482	Deacon Ernie Garcia, Seminarian Son Le, Deacon Mike Quinlivan
Council 9482	Bill Bennett, Rey Dayog, Frank Smigelski, Michael Schroeder
Council 9482	Rose and Ray Creamean, Jim and Susie Lebo, Family of Jim Hamacher
Council 9482	Dennis Sullivan, John Negron, Pat Harrington, Gary Amos

Please, It is time to clean up your prayer list for the next membership meeting
 You may be getting a call to verify your prayer intentions.
 Keep these people in your prayers daily.