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# AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #14754**

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August 2024  
BIRTHDAYS & Years  
of Service

02 John Pace, 6  
02 Jonathan Sales, 15  
03 Greg Gerow, 15  
03 Mike Molatore, 20  
04 James Johnstone, 8  
06 Ron Ruiz, 0  
06 George Smith, 1  
07 Eddie Gonzales, 9  
07 Juan Tirado, 1  
08 Dan Goetz, 24  
10 Sam Duran, 20  
10 John Frazier, 2  
15 Noel Delos Reyes, 26  
17 Danny Davis, 1  
24 Ikenna Clement, 6  
24 Okenna Clement, 6  
27 Dennis Shaw, 8  
28 Ron Black, 13

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Our twenty August birthdays include two of our remaining 20 charter members (Jonathan Sales & Deacon Noel), and two past grand knights (Sam Duran-council 12719 & Dennis Shaw GK at SEAS for two fraternal years). The list also includes two twin brothers Ikenna and Okenna Clement sons of council member Dr. Clement Ogbuehi. These 20 members have 10 average years of service ranging from less than one year to 26 years. Their average age is 59 and the range is from 25 to 80.

## Upcoming events:

9/9 September council hospitality hour 6PM/Member meeting starts 7PM  
9/21 Council volunteers serve breakfast at St Vincent DePaul homeless center  
9/29 Council leads 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday rosary after 7:30AM Mass  
See calendar on our website for more dates ([www.koc14754.org](http://www.koc14754.org))

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The submission deadline for our September 2024 newsletter is 9/10/2024 Please email submissions to Jim Patten ([jpinbakca@gmail.com](mailto:jpinbakca@gmail.com)).

## NOTE FROM CRAIG HOLLIDAY, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Please contact me by using the email link to the membership director on our website's HOW TO JOIN page if you have any questions about your membership, or to let me know about any prospective members. As of 8/1/2024 we are at 191 members which includes 50 insurance members and 141 associate members. We continue to be the largest council in the Kern and Inyo county area.

## MAXINE HUMOR:

**It's so hot I've got my  
AC cranked all the way  
up to bankruptcy.**

## CENTER FOR FAITH CONTROL (CFC) ADVICE:

**Test positive for faith.  
Keep a safe distance from doubt.  
Isolate unbelief.**

## MESSAGE FORM OUR CHAPLIAN AND PASTOR

Dear Brother Knights and Friends:

As you probably already know, Jim Dutton, our long-time custodian, died last month at the age of 88. Jim was already retired and serving as a crossing guard for Veteran's Elementary School when I invited him to consider working for our still-new parish. We were meeting at Frontier High School in those early years and were renting a small store front "Ministry Center" on Allen Rd. Jim jumped at the opportunity and, for the next 15 years, served as our custodian and all-around handyman. He was very generous with his time and there was no job that he wasn't willing to do. When the time came for our parish to establish a Knights of Columbus Council, Jim volunteered to serve as its first Grand Knight. When we were ready to occupy our new building in 2015, Jim was a life-saver—assisting in the move and helping us establish ourselves as a full-fledged parish.

In recent years, Jim's health began to deteriorate but he remained on board to assist us as he was able. Jim's presence was a blessing to all of us. His funny stories kept me and the staff laughing. Even when I visited him a few days before his passing, he was cheerful and talkative.

Now Jim has been reunited with his wife, Barbara; son, David; and granddaughter, Ashley.

Please remember to offer a prayer for the peaceful repose of his soul. May he rest in God's peace.

Msgr Perry

## ON THE PASSING OF PGK JIM DUTTON, by Jim Patten

Our council's founding grand knight Jim Dutton passed away on July 12, 2024. Fr. Perry presided at his funeral Mass was at SEAS on August 9, 2024, that was attended by many council members and their spouses. The Mass was preceded by a rosary conducted by our council members with the 4<sup>th</sup> degree honor guard present. Jim would have been 89 years old on 8/1/2024. He had 25 years of service with the Knights starting in 1999 when he joined at St Francis where he was grand knight for two years before becoming GK at the new council 14754 in April 2009.



Here is Jim passing off the GK gavel to Gary Rohr, our council's second grand knight. This was taken at the "Ministry Center".

Gary passed away several years ago, so as the third GK of our council this photo makes me a little nervous, but I'm sure Jim would have a humorous comment. Something like, "Just stay in line Patten and you'll do just fine".

The two photos below were taken at Frontier HS (a.k.a. St Frontier)



Left: Jim in his 4<sup>th</sup> degree tux We all told him he cleaned up really well.

Right: Barbara and Jim Dutton. Fr. Perry in background. At podium is Dominic Serivido who was the DD in charge of new council formation. Dominic presented our new council with a membership award at a corporate communion Mass at Frontier HS.

Jim's wife Barbara passed in November 2022.

### **Membership Profile of Carlos Martinez, by Craig Holliday**

Please welcome to our Council, Carlos Martinez. Carlos was born in Lindsay and raised in Strathmore. Later he attended CSU Bakersfield. The day after college graduation life got very real. His brother, Armando Martinez (also one of our Council members) moved him out of the house and encouraged him to find work. Carlos knew his eviction was coming, so it wasn't unexpected or unwelcome. Carlos says it was an act of kindness and it helped him mature and develop self-confidence.

Carlos landed in Los Angeles working for the city's largest non-profit organization focusing on homeless services. He moved on to the county and in the height of the COVID pandemic managed the allocation and distribution of \$450 million in COVID aid.





spending time with family and friends.

Carlos was 24. He had a good job, responsibility, a new car, a place to live, and a budding relationship with a wonderful girl from Bakersfield. But something was missing. He felt a yearning for more in life. In search of the missing piece, he started going back to Mass. As a part of a gradual reawakening, he felt more comfortable in Mass and happier in life in general. He decided to enroll in the RCIA program in Los Angeles. As he neared the end of the program, he realized that Armando was doing the same thing in Bakersfield. Through the help of both of their priests, the brothers arranged to both complete their RCIA programs at SEAS so that the whole family could be in one place and celebrate.

Shortly afterwards, Carlos moved back to Bakersfield and accepted a position with The Wonderful Company. He proposed to his girlfriend Karely. They have been married about a year and are expecting their first child at the end of August. Carlos mentioned that each night they read a portion of the *One Year Love Language Devotional* and reflect on their love and faith.

In his spare time, Carlos plays golf (although not as often as he would like to) and enjoys watching soccer. He supports Inter Milan and teams in the Liga MX. Carlos also enjoys going to comedy shows and

## GRAND KNIGHT PLANNING ARTICLE FOR THE 2024/25 FRATERNAL YEAR

Greetings to all our dear Brother Knights and families. I hope you all had a great summer and some time for rest and relaxation.

This is our sixteenth year as a Council. In July, we had a group of Knights and Officers meet to review K of C training materials and review our planned activities for this Fraternal Year, 2024-25.

As program director, **DGK Louis Rodriguez** has several activities under his leadership that include:

**Faith Director** - John Roza

**Family Director** - PGK Dennis Shaw

**Community Director** - Andy Silvestro

**Life Director** - PGK Michael Dhanens

Plus, DGK Louis also serves as **Communications Chairman** and oversees our social media and Flocknotes.

**(NEW)** We now will be able to offer to set up either a Zoom Meeting or Google Meeting for members of any committee, or Officer and Director for planning activities for the fraternal year. This should make things much easier for everyone and cut back on travel time to the meetings.

The above listed Knights as well as our membership director, Craig Holliday, and other active Knight officers and directors have received resource materials, either in person or by email, all the information about their assigned duties. One of my goals for this fraternal year is to cross train Knights by serving in any of our four service areas as well as membership committee functions. This should help our council in succession planning by preparing members to become our future officers and directors and committee chairs.

**Other Goals we have set for Council 14754 are as follows:**

1. Recruit at least 15 new members. (All of you can recruit!) We have membership recruitment after Masses on Oct 12 & 13<sup>th</sup> inviting guests to join us at our meeting on Monday, Oct 14th.
2. Have Knight's events listed **in advance** on the K of C website, the SEAS website, and have a social media platform for recruitment and fundraisers.
3. Our Council has been providing financial support to our seminarians and we are continuing to do so with Seminarian, Elliot Yaryk, who will be with us at SEAS until the end of December 2024.
4. Assist Msgr. Perry with our time, talent, and treasure.
5. We need at least **two additional Knights** to usher each week for the **11:30 AM Mass**. If we have 26 Knights volunteer for just one 11:30 AM Mass, we can cover 13 weeks. We would ask the Knights to arrive by 11:15 AM and report to the usher in charge, which is usually our Knight Financial Secretary, Chris Ziemer. This is flexible scheduling and perhaps you may be able to schedule more Sundays as a volunteer. PLEASE contact and sign up with DGK Louis Rodriguez. He will create a schedule that will meet your availability. A Flocknote will be sent out as part of this usher recruitment needed for the 11:30 AM Mass.
6. Assist all 1st and 2nd degree members to become 3rd degree members. (Membership Committee)
7. We will also be updating our Brother Knight's contact records (cell phone, email, and snail mail information, and get spouse or next of kin contact information on file.) If a Brother Knight, his wife and any dependent children are ill, become disabled or pass away we are available to assist the family. Our Membership Director, Craig Holliday along with assistance from PGK Jim Patten, yours truly, and other Knight volunteers will assist.
8. Provide and add more prayer resources to our Brother Knights and their families.
9. Earn the Father McGivney Award, the Columbian Award, and become a Star Council.

We are looking forward to a blessed year and I pray that all of us grow in our Charity, Fraternity, and Unity.

Vivat Jesus!

Bill Jeffries, Grand Knight Council 14754 (2024/25 fraternal year)

**END NOTE**

**Anyone can email our council by using the CONTACT US link that appears on the top menu of our website. Similarly, anyone can email our membership director using the email link provided on our HOW TO JOIN page. We ask that members get familiar with these links by sending us emails with "test" in the message box.**