



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #14754

Please join us for our next Council meeting, Monday, April 10th in the St. Therese Room. Social Hour will begin at 6:00pm and the General Meeting will follow at 7:00pm. Please join us for good food, fellowship and to see how you can participate in upcoming Council activities and programs. You can also check out the Council website at koc14754.org for more information.

- 03/02 Andrew Gomez
- 03/03 Patrick Collins
- 03/04 Krystian Florentino
- 03/04 Andy Schoorl
- 03/05 John Denvir
- 03/06 Kenneth Herrera
- 03/07 Bard Anderson
- 03/10 Craig Phillips
- 03/14 Christopher Florentino
- 03/14 Mark Rhoades
- 03/14 Ray Warren
- 03/17 Conrad Chavez
- 03/19 Jacob Riel
- 03/20 Robert Page
- 03/20 Bryan Plant
- 03/20 Steven Prueett
- 03/20 Brian Riel
- 03/23 Bernardino Reyes
- 03/25 Craig Carter
- 03/26 Anthony Urzanqui

Reminder to the officers: We will be meeting tonight at 5:30pm in the St. Therese Room ahead of our general Council meeting. We will try to get in 45 minutes or so to highlight key upcoming issues before enjoying the Social Hour. Look forward to seeing you then.

Congratulations and thanks to everyone who volunteered to help with the Lenten Fish Fry Dinners this year. We had another successful year under the leadership of Brother Ed Besenfelder. It takes a tremendous amount of work from many, many Brother Knights and members of the Ladies Ministry Fellowship to prep, cook and serve over 1,300 meals to our parish over the five weeks we had available. Our net proceeds exceeded \$9,600 which is an excellent result given the challenges faced this year. As always, this money will help fund our ministries back to the community and the parish. We are also grateful to all those parishioners who faithfully came each week to order dinners and who support our efforts. As always, the Fish Fry Dinners provide for a good community spirit!

Brothers, we have been asked to support a couple of ministries in their efforts. First, we will be helping the Mom's Group again on Saturday, April 29 when they sponsor a 5K Fun Run to raise money to donate to the Building Fund. We will be cooking breakfast for run participants and their families. Please come to the meeting tonight to hear more and sign up to help out that morning. This is a great opportunity to remain involved with other ministries and to meet other Brother Knights and parishioners.

Brothers. Please keep in your prayers all members of our Council and their families who are experiencing illness, addressing medical issues and the passing of spouses. We have many of our own who need our assistance, comfort and support. Brother Bill Jeffries and a group of men are keeping abreast of those who need our help. Continue to look at your flocknote notices to become aware of, and pray for, those who have a particular need.

Please keep the following on your calendars:

- April 21; Chalice Dinner at Hodels
- April 22; Corporate Communion at the 5:00PM mass
- April 30; Fifth Sunday Rosary (time to be confirmed)
- May 06; Roadside Clean Up 8:00 AM



In the spirit of the season, our pastor and deacons were given some much needed time off from contributing to the news-letter this month. Below are some inspirational quotes of saints that I hope you will find equally worthy.

I earnestly admonish you, therefore, my brothers, to look after your spiritual well-being with judicious concern. Death is certain;

life is short and vanishes like smoke. Fix your minds, then, on the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Inflamed with love for us, he came down from heaven to redeem us. For our sake he endured every torment of body and soul and shrank from no bodily pain. He himself gave us an example of perfect patience and love. We, then, are to be patient in adversity. St. Francis of Paola

Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance. St. Vincent De Paul

I urge you to remain steadfast in faith, so that at last we will all reach heaven and there rejoice together. St. Andrew Kim Taegon

The devotion to the Eucharist is the most noble, because it has God as its object; it is the most profitable for salvation, because it gives us the Author of Grace; it is the sweetest, because the Lord is Sweetness Itself. St. Pius X

Cheerfulness strengthens the heart and makes us persevere in a good life. Therefore the servant of God ought to always be in good spir-its. St. Philip Neri

Even on the cross He did not hide Himself from sight; rather, He made all creation witness to the presence of its Maker. Then, having once let it be seen that it was truly dead, He did not allow that temple of His body to linger long, but forthwith on the third day raised it up, impas-sible and incorruptible, the pledge and token of His victory. St. Athanasius of Alexandria



WGK Michael Dhanens
Grand Knight Report

I am writing this note after celebrating a wonderful Easter mass following a blessed Holy Week and Triduum wrapping up a spiritual Lenten season. As always, we, as a parish community and as members of the Knights of Columbus have much to be thankful for. First, I want to personally thank everyone who helped in any way with make our annual Lenten Fish Fry Dinners a success. It takes a lot of work (and countless hours) from many dedicated members over a period of six (or five in this case) weeks to make this effort a success. It takes guys to set up and wipe down tables and chairs, to prep and cook the food, to manage traffic control at our drive-thru option, to take orders and distribute food and to clean the kitchen afterwards. I am also grateful to all of the women of the Ladies Ministry Fellowship who show up each week to package the meals and manage portions and hand out meals. I would also like to thank those of our membership, and the parish as a whole, who support this ministry by coming each week to purchase meals. I am lucky to be in a spot helping to take orders where I see those of our community each and every week come to support us. They are truly very generous.

None of this can happen though without the dedication of Brother Ed Besenfelder. Ed has graciously given his time and talent (with organization and spread sheets!) each year to manage, organize and oversee our dinners. In addition to the “day of” activity, Ed manages inventory, places and receives the orders for the bulk food and tracks spending and income to the penny. I realize that he has some key folks who help with these tasks but his overall leadership and dedication cannot be underestimated. And given the fact that we lost the first week to stormy weather AND that St. Patrick’s Day fell on a Friday (dispensation from abstaining from meat), the Council still realized a nice profit that will help us in our mission to support the community, parish and its ministries throughout the year.

Again, thanks to all, from those setting up tables in the beginning to those washing utensils at the end of the evening, and everyone in between for all your hard work and dedication. God Bless. And have a happy and joyous Easter Season.

Vivat Jesus!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By Jim Patten, PGK & Charter Member March 28, 2023

March 2023 has been a busy month for our council, not only with our Lent Fish dinners, but also for membership. In February we saw one new member and a re-admission, and in March we added six new members. We are also working on another new transfer-in membership.

I am way behind in writing up profiles on both new and existing members. At least I can give our members some general information about our newest candidates. They all have diverse careers. Several are Bakersfield natives, but some were raised in other parts of California and other states. One new member is a Past Grand Knight & Past District Deputy. Another is a retired president of Antelope Valley College, and another is an accountant with Valley Strong Credit Union.

We held our first "live" exemplification since 2020 on March 11 with three of the new members attending, plus two existing members who wanted to move to 3rd degree membership by attending the exemplification. It would be great if we could advance all our members to 3rd degree membership status in this manner!

All the other new members took advantage of being able to take their exemplifications online. All our newest members used our online membership application that we are using to replace the traditional Form 100 membership application. Administratively we are now using what supreme calls the a "Candidate Tab" to process new and transfer-in members online. This streamlines getting members entered on our council roster and obtaining the membership numbers for new members much quicker than the previous email or snail mail method of getting new and transfer-in member information to the supreme membership department.

Since I work with our webmaster on the function and content of our website that has been running since November 2021 (koc14754.org) I am happy to report that most of our newest members took advantage of our website to make their initial dues payments. Additionally, over 50 (about a third) of our members renewed their 2023 membership dues online.

As of this writing our total active membership is 186, which includes 137 associate members and 46 insurance members.