



MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #14754

Website: www.koc14754.org

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

We have 18 members of the Council celebrating birthdays in March. The members have served an average of about 8 years. They include brand new members like Randy Kayser and long serving members like Conrad Chavez (17 years) and Bernardin Reyes (18 years). Interestingly we have members celebrating birthdays who were born in each of the decades from the 40s through the 90s. Among them is the only Sir Knight celebrating a birthday this month, 16 year council member Anthony Urzanqui. In an odd coincidence we have four Knights celebrating a birthday on the same day, PI day, March 14th. They include Ray Warren, Christopher Florentino, Dominique Camou, and Mark Rhodes. We have two father/son birthday celebrations—Cristopher and Krystian Florentino and Brian and Jacob Riel. Of those celebrating a birthday this month, 14 are third degree members, two are first degree members and two are second degree members.

Day, Knight, Yrs service

3 Pat Collins, 5

4, Andy Schoorl, 15

4, Krystian Florentino, 7

5, John Denvir, 4

7, Bard Anderson, 12

12, Rafael Herrera, 1

14, Ray Warren, 14

14, Cristopher Flonentino, 8

14, Domonique Camou, 1

14, Mark Rhoades, 10

16, Randy Kayser, 0

17, Conrad Chavez, 17

19, Jacob Riel, 9

20, Brian Riel, 9

20, Steven Pruett, 4

23, Bernardin Reyes, 18

25, Craig Carter, 10

26, Anthony Urzanqui, 16

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The submission deadline for our April newsletter is April 4. Please send as Word Documents.

Please email submissions to Ed Knudson: email: osuetk@bak.rr.com

MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR

Dear Brother Knights and Friends:

You may be familiar with the practice of fasting. We are only required to fast from food on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. But there is another kind of fasting which is more important than fasting from food. I share this with you in the hope that it might motivate you to a more spiritual fasting.

Fast from judging others; feast on the good within them.

Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of life.

Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.

Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.

Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.

Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.

Fast from suspicion; feast on truth.

Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that undergirds.

Fast from instant gratifications; feast on self-denial.

And finally, fast from sin; feast on the abundance of God's mercy.

Have a blessed forty days of Lent!

Msgr Perry

MARCH MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Bill Jeffries

The official start of Spring is March 20, 2025 and Ash Wednesday is March 5. The K of C Council will prepare and serve the Lenten Fish dinners every Friday in Lent with the exception of Good Friday. So beginning with Friday, March 7 and then the next 5 Fridays, the dinners will be prepared and served. This is our major fundraiser, and we hope to see you, your family, your friends, and neighbors come enjoy these delicious meals. You can either eat the Fish Dinner at SEAS or order it as takeout to enjoy at home. The Good News is that the price still remains at a low of \$12.00 for each 2-piece fish dinner.

Volunteers are needed so please sign up for the fun and to help. The Council will have a table set aside with KofC membership information.

We invite you, family and friends to attend our 5th Sunday Rosary on Sunday, March 30th in the Chapel after the 7:30AM Mass. Please mark your calendars for the Rosary.

Our next Social/Dinner is scheduled for Monday, March 10, at 6PM with the general meeting following at 7PM in St. Therese modular. The next Officers' Business Meeting will precede this meeting on Thursday, March 6 at 6:30 PM in the St Clare Room. April officers' Business Meeting is set for Thursday, April 10 at 6:30 PM. We will celebrate our 16-year Charter Night of the SEAS Council on Monday, April 14. Social/Dinner will be at 6PM with the meeting at 7PM in the St. Therese modular.

I welcome all to assist at the Easter Masses. Contact me at 661-706-6171 or call the SEAS office 661-587-3626 to go over these volunteering opportunities for any of the SEAS Masses.

May you and your family have a Blessed Easter.

~Vivat Jesus!~

Bill Jeffries

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COME JOIN OUR COUNCIL CHOIR!

Andy Silvestro, Community Director & Men's Choir Coordinator-

March 2025 Our council's men's choir was formed in Spring 2024, and we have a steady membership of eight council members, me, Ron Carr, Sam Duran, Eddie Marmolejo, Jim Patten, John Roza, Nicolas Andrade and Kaleb Perez. We are directed by SEAS music director Susan Scaffidi and our accompanist is David Bloemhof, a very talented musician attending Bakersfield College. Membership in our choir is open to all men of the parish. Our regular practice is on Saturday mornings between 9 and 10am in the music room at SEAS. We have two almost back-to-back events scheduled for March. We will be singing at the Stations of the Cross starting at 7pm on 3/28, and for the Fifth Sunday Rosary after the 7:30am Mass on 3/30. Our rehearsals for these two events will be at SEAS on Saturdays March 1, 8, 15, and 22 starting at 9am in the music room. This would be a great time for more men to come join us since the four pieces of music for the March events are very easy to learn. Practice is not an every Saturday commitment as we only gear up for scheduled events which at this point are the Fifth Sunday Rosaries, and one of the six Lent Stations of the Cross, or special events like the Christmas caroling we did at SEAS with the Kern River Brass. You do not need to read music to join and most men, believe it or not, have a voice within them. Enjoying learning and having fun are two other prerequisites. Our group is getting into sight reading music and has learned how to sing in unison as a choir. We are not into full part harmonies, yet,

but as they say, practice makes perfect, so please consider joining us for our March rehearsals. You can call or text me at 661-703-7769 or email me at silvestroandrew@gmail.com. See our Council Website and the SEAS website for upcoming council and parish events.

DUES AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Craig Holliday.

Dues

Our dues collection cycle for the 2024-2025 fraternal year is entering its final phases. We recently sent out our third dues letter to Knights who had not yet paid dues for the year. In the coming weeks, officers and directors of the Council will be reaching out to members who have not yet paid dues to encourage them to do so.

Through March 1st, 2025 we have collected dues from 125 of the 172 Knights who pay dues. The collection has brought in \$5848 with another anticipated \$2238 left to collect. Additionally, members have contributed \$4061 in optional dues. The 82 members who have contributed optional dues have averaged over \$50.00 per person. These optional dues allow us to expand the work that we do in the community and in the parish.

Membership

Our council presently has 196 members. We have 144 associate members and 52 insurance members. In the last month the only overall change to our membership number was that Supreme recorded the passing of brother John Lugo, which happened a few months ago.

Please keep in mind that we are always looking for new members. If you know of other men in the parish community who would like to join, please have them contact me at craig_holliday@kernhigh.org or 661-599-9219. Prospective members can also visit our website at www.koc14754.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday Lenten Fish Dinners

March 7, 14, 21, 28

April 4, 11

5K Run

April 5-Knight volunteers will be needed for this event. Details to come.

Charter Night--#16

Mon, April 14-A regular council meeting geared to honor our charter members.

Golf Tournament

May 3- Details to come.

Spring Membership Drive

Details to come

END NOTES, by Jim Patten, PGK & Charter Member

It has been my honor to serve our council in various roles since its inception in April 2009. I will turn 82 in June this year, so it is time for me to finally retire and relinquish the major council chores I still have been involved with.

Brother Ed Knudson is taking over as our council's newsletter editor and publisher. This month's newsletter is all Ed's up to this end note. We started a regular monthly newsletter in 2019 and have run a monthly newsletter in our website that we established in November 2021. Ed is also going to take over as being the point of contact person with our council's webmaster, Paul Piraino.

Our treasurer, Ed Besenfelder, is taking over maintenance of our accounting records so he and our financial secretary Chris Ziemer will manage the financial accounting for our council.

I recommended to Ed that he continue some humor in the newsletter so here is my last humor submission geared to March, and Irish humor in honor of St Patrick's Day.

We all know how Murphy's Law goes, but have you ever heard of O'Rielly's Principle?

It simply goes----

Murphy was an optimist.