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NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #14754

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November 2024
BIRTHDAYS & Years
of Service

02 Tim Escalante, 14
03 Chukie Okunzua, 18
04 Jim Angell, 14
04 Brian Carmody, 8
12 Frank Gonzales, 10
11 Louis Rodriguez, 9
12 Isreal Stuebbe, 1
13 Christian Jaramillo,
11
15 Victor Nunez, 9
19 Lorenzo Espinoza, 7
20 Bill Wonderly, 14
25 Bonaventure Neweze,
13
26 Phil Frailey, 42
27 Al Sandrini, 2
29 Luke Puncer, 2

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

These 15 members have 12 average years of service ranging from one to 42 years. Three of our Pit Masters are listed this month (Tim Escalante, Victor Nunez, and Bill Wonderly. This month's average age is 58 ranging from 19 to 85. November birthdays include DGK Louis Rodriguez, Phil Frailey 42-year honorary life member and PGK at council 977 and a past FS in our council. In this month's birthdays, there are four 4th degree, nine 3rd degree, and one 2nd degree members.

See our website calendar for upcoming events.

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The submission deadline for our December 2024 newsletter is 12/06/2024 Please email submissions to Jim Patten (jpinbakca@gmail.com).

NOTE ON OUR WEBSITE PAYMENT PROTAL, by Jim Patten

We are switching over to the Square processing system. Square offers lower merchant fees, and transition to Square should be seamless to users.

MAXINE HUMOR:

**Ever notice that the same
people that want you to think
outside the box expect you to
work in a cubicle?**

THANKSGIVING THOUGHT

**Get rich quick.....
count your blessings.**

Dear Brother Knights and friends:

Well, we made it into the Fall! I'm sure that each of you, like me, is looking forward to some cooler weather! But, if you're like me, you're also looking forward to this time of the year with its multiple celebrations beginning with Thanksgiving followed by Christmas and then, the arrival of 2025!

Thanksgiving is a great holiday for Americans. It is the opportunity to be with family and friends to give thanks to God for our blessings. Not only do we thank God for our individual blessings, but we also thank God for the blessings He has bestowed on our nation. Yes, our country has its challenges and struggles but there is no other nation that can compare with what we are able to experience as citizens of the greatest nation in human history. One of the most important blessings, of course, is our religious freedom—the freedom to live out our faith as we see fit without fear of reprisal or persecution. Just as the first pilgrims to our land were thankful to God for watching over them as they established themselves through many difficulties, we too should remain grateful for the guidance we receive when we ask our Heavenly Father to help us navigate through challenging times. We are best able to find our way through these struggles when we join in a common bond of faith. In particular, the bond of faith we enjoy as members of the Church gives us wisdom and courage to seek out God's will for our individual lives and for our nation. If we truly believe that we are “**One Nation Under God**” then we must remember to thank God for the ways He has blessed us.

I am thankful for the continued good work of our Knights Council and look forward to moving through the busy holiday season with you as we strive to serve our parish and the larger community!

Msgr Perry Kavookjian

GRAND KNIGHT NOTES, by Jim Patten



As you all know our GK Bill Jeffries has had to deal with getting his heart unclogged. The good news is that he is doing fine, but I am doing the typing for Bill this month based on email notes he has sent me. The photo at the left was taken at our November meeting where brother Ben Mendoza employed his Pit Master skills. Here is a current list of all our hard-working Pit Masters.

Tommy Aguilera, David Begley, Dominique Camou, Danny Davis, Richard Escalante, Tim Escalante, Rayan Fachin, Alex Horvath, Frank Kuhs, Rocky Lacertoso, Ben Mendoza, John Mihal, Victor Nunez, Juan Tirado, Ray Warren, Bill Wonderly.

Bill reminds members to check on Flocknotes that will be sent out in November and December for volunteers for the Roadside Cleanup, Thanksgiving and Christmas food drives, the December 9th Christmas social, SEAS Christmas decorations on December 10th, and the Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast on December 11th. (Are we a busy council, or not???)

Bill wants to thank all our brother Knights for their Time, Talent, and Treasure that they provide to SEAS and our community.

Fall Membership Drive by Craig Holliday, Membership Director

The Fall Membership Drive was a tremendous success. Over the weekend before Columbus Day, Knights made podium announcements at all four Masses. Members also manned a table in the church lobby before and after all the Masses. We talked with about 15 men from the parish about joining the Knights. These men were invited to join us for dinner and fellowship on the night of our Columbus Day meeting, October the 14th. The membership Committee is in the process of following up with these men and a few of them have already cleared the application process, finished their exemplifications, and become members of the Council.

Online Membership vs. Council Membership by Craig Holliday, Membership Director

As it is the time of the year for our membership drive, I'd like to spend a moment clarifying the difference between Online membership and Council membership.

- **Application process:** Online members join using the supreme website. Men wanting to directly join our council would use our council's membership application which can be downloaded from our council website. Online members who enter our Council number (14754) when they join online will be invited into council membership.
- **Dues:** Our Council dues are \$48 per year and paid to our council. Online membership dues are free for the first 12 months and billed by supreme at \$30 per year thereafter. Supreme issues membership cards to online members and our Council supplies membership cards for Council members.
- **Attending Knights meetings:** Online members and Council members may attend any Knights meeting anywhere by presenting their Knight membership card. This is why the card is often referred to as your traveling card. Online membership is often better for members who live in areas that do not have councils or for members who are frequently on the road.
- **Voting in meetings and serving in leadership positions.** Online members are not permitted to vote on Council issues. Additionally, they may not serve in officer or committee chairman positions. Online members can become Council members by submitting our Council's membership application to me.

Update on the 2025 Dues Cycle by Craig Holliday, Membership Director

The 2025 dues payment cycle began at our October Council meeting. Knights who attended the meeting were presented their bill statement for the 2025 dues year. As of the October meeting, we received 24 dues payments; we have also had 17 Knights pay optional dues. There are 151 Knights in the council who still need to pay their 2025 dues. As a reminder, you may pay your dues at our November meeting by cash, check, or credit card. Knights may also pay their dues at any time online through our website. Dues statements not delivered by hand by the November meeting will be

mailed out soon afterwards. The deadline for dues payment is January 15, 2025. If you have dues questions or concerns, please contact Craig Holliday at craig_holliday@kernhigh.org or 661-599-9219.

END NOTE

Our men's choir is up to some seven members, but more voices are welcome. Please contact Andy Silvestro (661-703-7769 or silvestroandrew@gmail.com). We have been practicing on Saturday mornings between 9 and 10 am at SEAS. Here is a list of future planned events:

December 21: singing with the Kern River Brass after Mass @ 6 pm.

2025: 5th Sunday Rosaries (3/30, 6/29, 8/31 & 11/30)

Singing at one of the six Lent Friday Stations of the Cross in 2025.