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OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #14754

Please join us for our next Council meeting, Monday, November 13th in the St. Therese Room. Social Hour will start 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.



10-2 Brent Banducci

10-2 John Lugo

10-5 Joe Puncer

10-8 Dave Begley

10-9 Richard Murillo

10-10 Bill Jeffries

10-16 John Mihal

10-17 Anecito Damo

10-18 Check Wesbay

10-21 Jamie Garrido

10-21 Doug Trask

10-21 Brandon
Whitehead

10-26 Michael
Dhanens

10-27 Ordano
Fernandez

10-29 Raul
Natividad

October is the beginning of our annual dues cycle. At our October meeting we distributed the 2024 dues bills to attendees, and accepted dues payments by cash, check, and credit card. We will also accept dues payments by cash, check, and credit card at our November, December, and January 2024 meetings. Dues bills not picked up at our November meeting will be mailed. All 2024 dues should be paid by January 15, 2024. Members can pay their 2024 dues 24/7 on our council website. Despite the state increasing its annual per capita assessment per member from \$11 to \$13 our annual council dues remain at \$48 for regular members, and \$10 for honorary members. We can keep our dues unchanged thanks to members who are able to pay optional dues of up to \$20 or even more depending on their financial ability.

Coats For Kids: Donations are still coming in for our 2023 Coats For Kids fundraiser, but at this point we have over \$11,000 raised including \$520 in donations made on our council website. Final numbers should be available by the end of October.

Upcoming events: The Kern Right To Life annual Champions For Life fundraising dinner will be on November 3, 2023, at the Double Tree Hotel. For ticket sales go online to RTLKC.ORG.

Check out the SEAS bulletin and website for details on the following events:
October 22 Real Presence Eucharistic Revival
October 29-Fifth Sunday Rosary (Flocknotes will be sent on details)
November 18-19 Thanksgiving Food Drive

RECRUITING IS EVERYONES' JOB: There are two articles here this month. One focusing on **HOW TO JOIN OUR COUNCIL**. If you have not already read the **JOIN OUR COUNCIL** segment of our council webpage, please put it on your required reading list. The other article **ON MEMBERSHIP** covers highlights of membership activities for the prior fraternal year.

For future newsletters we will aim to publish in the middle of the month shortly after our monthly council meeting so members wishing to submit newsletter items should do so in the first two weeks of each month. Please email submissions to Jim Patten (jpinkbakca@gmail.com).

SIGNS OF WISDOM

Conflict cannot survive without participation.
Everyone smiles in the same language.
Rock bottom provides a solid foundation for building a new life.
Pray as if everything depends on God. Act if everything depends on you.

ON HOW TO JOIN OUR COUNCIL.

By Jim Patten, PGK & Charter Member

In effect all existing members are part of our recruiting committee, and it has never been easier to show prospective members how to join by simply directing them to the How To Join page on our council's website. Here is the top portion of our How To Join page on koc14754.org.

Join K of C Council 14754

Come Join Us

Wish to become a member of the Knights of Columbus?

Are you already a Knight but wish to transfer to our council?

Desire some information regarding membership in the Knights of Columbus?

Are a former member interested in rejoining the Knights of Columbus?

Click >>[HERE](#)<< to email our Council's Membership Director

Click >>[HERE](#)<< to download a PDF fill in form of our Council's

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Continue reading below to find out more details about membership in the **Knights of Columbus**.

The rest of the How To Join page consists of some 18 paragraphs that provide all the details, but those who do not like to read "the fine print" simply need to follow the two Click HERE prompts. I don't know about you, but when I buy a car, I would rather not have to deal with hundreds of pages of owner's manuals. I just what to jump in and drive.

By emailing our membership director prospects must provide their full name, email, and cell phone number so we can contact them. By downloading our council's membership application (which replaces the olde Form 100 that older members had to deal with) prospects provide us with all the information necessary for us to make an admission decision. I am not going to waste newsletter space here by displaying our council's membership application, but I strongly recommend that all existing members at least download it from our webpage and become familiar with its content. In that way you could always print it out for prospects who prefer to go the old school pen and ink hard copy route.

Who are prospects? Any man not currently a member of our council is a prospect. So that would include all the possibilities above. That means that every prospect needs to complete our council's membership application (brand new Knights, former Knights, and existing Knights wanting to transfer into our council from another council).

Shortly we will be preparing business card stock to have available to hand out to prospects. The idea is to have these cards available at the SEAS office for men who inquire there about Knight membership, and to make enough of a supply to give existing members so, rather than hand out tons of printed literature, these cards will lead prospects to our webpage and get everything they wanted to know about the Knights. Existing members can easily bring up our webpage on their cell phones (or a prospect's cell phone) and easily walk them thru the process.

Is the olde Form 100 still used? If a council uses the online member management application available to Financial Secretaries and Grand Knights the venerable Form 100 is only needed to advise the supreme membership department of members a council needs to suspend for nonpayment of dues or other suspension causes. All membership additions are now done digitally using the supreme application, and even deceased members are digitally reported.

Are there other online resources for prospects to learn about Knight membership? I like to think that our council's website is the best place for one stop shopping about the Knights. Our council recently earned a recognition plaque for "best website" from the California State council so perhaps I'm correct. On the other hand, prospects can go directly to any of the websites that we link to from our webpage. Here are the links we show:

ABOUT THE KNIGHTS

- [Knights Gear](#)
- [K of C Insurance](#)
- [Fathers for Good](#)
- [The History of the K of C](#)
- [Why Should I Join The Knights of Columbus](#)

For full disclosure members and prospects will find all sorts of "hits" in web searching to sites who are ill informed about the Knights, or just downright derogatory, but, unfortunately, that goes with the territory today on all search engines. There are all sorts of facts and fictions on the web. The trick is to sort out and recognize the facts from the fictions.

ON MEMBERSHIP

By Jim Patten, PGK & Charter Member

Brother Chris Ziemer probably wore more official hats during the last fraternal year than any member. It has been my pleasure to have helped Chris while he managed Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Director chores. Last year I also did articles for our council newsletter including Member Profiles and manage the content of our website. We had a lot of membership changes during the 2022/23 fraternal year. and it has not been easy to juggle all these chores being shorthanded, so I want to at least acknowledge the names of all our brand-new Knight members, and those members who transferred-in from other councils, and other notable membership changes in the last fraternal year.

For this 2023/24 fraternal year we are almost back to having a full staff of officers and directors, so Chris and I will have fewer items on our to do lists, although I think that GK Donovan White and DGK Bill Jeffries will get the most official hat juggling awards this year. Donovan is our GK, Kern/Inyo Chapter VP, and the Faithful Navigator for the Admiral Callaghan 4th Degree Assembly #52. DGK Bill is also our Program Director, Membership Director, and chair of the retention committee. These men have plenty of delegating to do so there are lots of chores for members willing to pitch in.

Here is the list of the 12 brand-new members (and one reactivation) for the 2022/23 fraternal year. Jason Barnes, Casey Callagy, Danny Davis, Anthony Duncan, Ed Knudson, David Lopez, Henry Villa,

Joel Molina, Alfred Quenum, Al Sandrini, Michael Shive, George Smith, Juan Tirado
Here is the list of the six Knights who transferred-in to our council during the 2022/23 fraternal year.
Ron Carr (a PGK & DD), Ben Gaskins, Hough McGowan, Richard Murillo, Luke Puncer
(we now have 3 Puncer brothers in our council), Ben Romero

Here are the lists of other notable changes during the 2022/23 fraternal year.

Our two members who deceased and their families remain in our prayers.

Gil Mendez & George Navarro

Out of town members:

Charter Member John Lugo added to our growing list of out-of-town members when he moved to Pinole, CA. We also had six out-of-state members as of 7/1/2023.

Honorary Life Members (HL):

Here are the two 2022/23 members (and their years of service) who became HL members in 2022/23.

Jim Gabel (34) & Kevin Streiff (50)

The other three HL members as of 7/1/2023 are:

Phil Frailey (41), Fr. Perry (37), Mike Neal (55)