



OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #14754
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Texas Wisdom: *“Never miss a good opportunity to shut up.”*

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Some fun birthday information for October:

- Nineteen members of our council are celebrating birthdays in the month of October.
- I'm writing this on October the second, which means happy birthday to charter member and 18-year knight Brent Banducci. We have one other charter member celebrating a birthday this month, that's Sir Knight Eddie Marmolejo.
- Eddie and David Begley were born a few days apart. Without exposing their age, I can tell you that the number one song in the country that week was "A Tree in the Meadow" by Margaret Whiting.
- We have another near birthday twin ship. Doug Trask and Sir Knight Michael Dhanens were born in the same week. The top song that week was "I want to be Wanted" by Brenda Lee.
- Other Sir Knights celebrating a birthday this month are Joseph Puncer, who serves as the Faithful Navigator of our local Assembly. As well as Sir Knight, Bill Jeffries, who is the Vice President of our local chapter.
- The grand prize though goes to Sir Knight Anecito Damo, who is serving his 39th year as a Knight!
- Congratulations to all our October Birthday Knights!

Day	Knight	Years
2	Brent Banducci	18
5	SK Joseph Puncer	15
6	Dario Fonseca	2
7	Roy Olegario	2
7	Fernando Pineda	1
8	David Begley	15
10	SK Bill Jeffries	18
12	SK Eddie Marmolejo	21

16	John Mihal	11
17	Stephen Dahlstrom Jr.	2
17	SK Anecito Damo	39
18	Charles Westbay	7
18	Erik Zarate	10
21	Jaime Garrido	12
21	Brandon Whitehead	3
26	SK Michael Dhanens	10
27	Orlando Fernandez	12
27	Andrew Mason	1

WHAT'S UP

- **Ongoing in October Coats for Kids and Thanksgiving collections.**
- **Thursday, October 1: C4K Distribution**
- **Saturday, October 3: Roadside Clean-up**
- **Monday, October 8: 6:30 Officer's Meeting**
- **Saturday October 10: 7am Bible Study; 8:30 Men's Choir**
- **Monday, October 12: 5:45pm General Council Meeting**
- **Saturday, October 17: COR 7am St. John Room**
- **Saturday, October 24: 7am Bible Study, 8:30 am Men's Choir**
- **Ongoing in November: Thanksgiving Collection**
- **November 1: All Saints Day**
- **November 2: All Souls Day**
- **November 5: 6:30 pm Officer's Meeting**
- **November 9: 5:45 pm General Council Meeting**
- **November 11: Veteran's Day**
- **November 14: 7 am Bible Study 8:30 Men's Choir**
- **November 26: Thanksgiving Day**
- **November 28: 7am Bible Study 8:30 Men's Choir**
- **November 29: 5th Sunday Rosary**

GRAND KNIGHT MESSAGE

MIKE PANOS

Catholic teaching requires believers to assist those in need, viewing it as a core command of faith. Our Council is currently involved with the Coats for Kids Program. This program is spearheaded by SK Chris Ziemer. I am pleased to mention that we raised \$14,027 during 2nd collections at two weekends of masses. That sum will be donated to cover the cost of coats for kids in need. We partner with Catholic Charities, and our goal was for Catholic Charities to have the coats during the first week of October. And we accomplished that goal. Next, a handful of Knights will assist Catholic Charities in distributing the coats to the various schools.

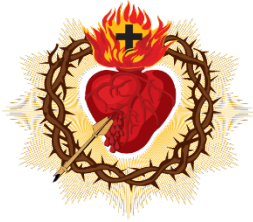
This is a busy season for the Knights. As we are almost finished with the Coat for Kids, planning has already started for our Thanksgiving Food Drive.

It takes a team of Knights to accomplish all that we do. 1 Corinthians 12:12 says, "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ."

Brothers; our fellow Knight Michael Vander Poel who has enlisted in the Navy is on his first assignment at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba. Michael's mother, Lisa Vander Poel, provided me with Michael's address to share with his fellow Knights. Michael address is as follows: ***Michael Vander Poel PSC 1005 Box 3846 FPO, AA, 34009.*** I am sure, Michael would appreciate hearing from his fellow Knights.

FAITH MESSAGE

BILL JEFFRIES



Cor

The world needs courageous men to witness to and for Jesus Christ.^[1] Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. Cor meetings of “Into the Breach” at SEAS for Catholic Men who are age 18 and older are scheduled on Saturday: Oct 17, Nov 7, Dec 19, Jan 16 from 7AM – 8:30AM at St John room. Video Series topics include Prayer, Sacramental Life, Spiritual Warfare. RSVP to attend. If you have any questions, contact Bill Jeffries, Faith Director at 661-706-6171 or email billjeffries1953@gmail.com.

This fall we will review “Into the Breach” The Mission of the Family which covers “The Catholic Family in a Post Christian World”, “Marriage: The Foundation of the Family” plus three other Episodes. October 2026 Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge They replied, “Caesar’s.” At that he said to them, “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” (Gospel for Oct. 18, Mt 22:21) The Pharisees were trying to entrap Jesus into taking sides in the dispute. Are the faithful to be good Jews or good citizens? But Jesus says there is no conflict here. One can be a solid citizen and maintain his true and proper obligations to the civil government, as long as he gives primacy to his duties to God. We should keep in mind that the Knights of Columbus was founded with the understanding that faithful Catholics are also faithful citizens.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to study how the Knights of Columbus, at the time of its founding and throughout its history, has combated anti-Catholic bigotry and shown there is no conflict between love of God and love of country. The book *The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History* (2020) is an excellent resource.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you obey civil law and authority, even in smaller matters, or do you tend to rationalize infractions? Do you fulfill your civic duties, such as by voting? Do you consider moral issues when voting, beyond mere self-interest? Pray the Rosary, spend time at SEAS on Wednesdays for Eucharistic Adoration 7:30AM-12:30 PM.

Faith formation & Resources <https://www.kofc.org/resources/faith-formation/faith-resources/>
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May God Bless you!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: CRAIG HOLLIDAY

Membership Director and Deputy Grand Knight

Membership:

Our 2026 to 27 Fraternal year membership is continuing at a great clip. This month we added four members: New Knights Jose Corona and Jeff Oxford join transfers Alex Gonzalez and Khaled Shakta as our additions. We have an overall total of 205 members. We have fulfilled 85% of Supreme's quota for our Fraternal year. Please continue to send names and information on interested new members.

Dues:

The arrival of October means two things: declining temperatures and the beginning of the dues cycle...(Well, maybe not declining temperatures). But for sure the beginning of the dues cycle. Dues bills will be mailed to members the week of October 5th. There are three ways to pay:

- As always, dues will be collected at our meetings.
- Members may pay their dues online by going to the website ((<https://www.koc14754.org>) and going to the payment portal (MAKE A PAYMENT TO OUR COUNCIL).
- By Check: Make checks payable to K of C Council 14754. Dues mailing address: Chris Ziemer, FS council 14754, 11704 Copernicus Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93312.

As a reminder, dues collection is one of only two ways in which we raise funds for the year. If possible, please consider donating optional dues in order to help with our work in the parish and the community.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

We have started a new Family program called Family of the Month. Nominations may be submitted through the Google Form below, which collects the information needed by the selection committee:



Knight of the Year: Brother Juan Triado



Knight of the Month: Brother Jim Deming

2027 SEAS Men's Retreat

January 22-24, 2027

St. Anthony's Retreat Center

"Jesus's Vision for His Church; A Review of the Kingdom Parables"

The 2026 SEAS Men's Retreat Class



DO YOU LIKE TO SING IN THE SHOWER? HOW ABOUT IN CHURCH?

The men's choir is seeking additional voices. Our goal is to have at least 12 men who sing regularly; therefore, we would love to have as many join us as we can encourage. Please consider this great opportunity for fellowship and service. You don't have to be a good singer, just one who enjoys singing.

The choir sings for 5th Sunday Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Christmas with the Kern River Brass, and is always adding to the dates and repertoire. We even rehearsed some standard beer festival songs. If you would like to join us, we rehearse at 8:30am on the 2d and 4th Saturdays of each month, immediately following men's bible study, and rehearse other dates as needed. Rehearsals upcoming on Saturday September 12 and 26, immediately following Men's Bible Study. If you are interested just show up at one of the rehearsals, or if you have questions, contact Andy Silversto at 661-703-7769, or Susan Scaffidi at scaffidi@setoncatholicchurch.org or 661-587-3626.

APPEAL FOR DONATION

On behalf of Brothers Andy Silvestro and Michael Dhanens, Council 14754 would like to begin collecting items, monthly, for distribution St. Vincent DePaul Center and/or the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center.

For St. Vincent DePaul Center:

New men's and women's socks and underwear

Gently used men's and women's clothing that can be used directly by the homeless

Heavy duty re-usable plastic grocery bags

For the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center:

Diapers (all sizes) Gently used baby clothes for both boys and girls

Baby blankets

new bottles, pacifiers, teething toys



SVDP Barbeque Crew



Roadside Clean-Up Crew