



JULY NEWSLETTER

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #14754



Please join us for our next Council meeting, Monday, August 8th in the St. Stephen 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 participate in upcoming Council activities and programs.

07/02 Matthew Schneider

The Officer Installation was held July 11 in the St. Stephen room. District Deputy Eric Ruiz and District Warden Vincent Ortiz conducted the ceremony. Congratulations to the new officers. It was a great event, something the Council has not done for a few years, attended by over 70 members, spouses and family. The officers look forward to working with all of you in the coming year.

07/04 Marcos Vasquez

07/05 Jamison Holt

07/07 Andy Silvestro

WGK Michael honored PWGK Dennis Shaw as Knight of the "Month" at the July Officer Installation dinner. As most of you know Brother Dennis went the extra mile for our Council graciously accepting the post of Grand Knight for two years. While so many of our fellow Brothers help with all sorts of tasks in keeping the Council moving forward, it takes a tremendous amount of time and energy to captain the ship. We are indebted to his valuable leadership!

07/12 Jose Hernandez

07/15 Ed Besenfelder

07/21 Danny Davila

Doug and Tess Farolan were honored as Family of the Year and Tim Escalante as Knight of the Year at the Officer Installation dinner. All three are enormously deserving for their devotion to the Church, selfless dedication to, not only the Knights, but to the parish, Msgr. Perry and to a host of other valuable ministries. Their names are included now on our Knights of Columbus plaque in the main hallway leading to the sanctuary. May each be a source of inspiration to all of us.

07/21 Rev Perry Kavookjian

07/24 Bruce Lumis

07/27 Donald Cegielski

07/27 Terry Horan

Our Council has another opportunity to prepare and serve breakfast at the St Vincent DePaul Center. This will happen on Saturday morning, July 23. Again, we will need approximately a dozen members to volunteer. We will meet at 7:00am, prepare and serve at 8:30am, then clean. Look for a Flocknote announcement to volunteer or contact WGK Michael Dhanens at mdarchitect@sbcglobal.net or at (661) 747-6285.

Brothers, please make a note that future General Meetings, starting in September will be held in the new St. Therese modular building. A reminder will be included in the Flocknote notice preceding the meeting.



Dear Brother Knights:

I want to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing officers. Thank for your hard work and dedication to our Knights Council and for the amazing amount of energy you have given to the parish this past year. In particular, I want to thank Dennis for his steady hand in guiding the Council these past two years as GK.

Welcome to the new officers! I look forward to working with you to make 2022-23 even better! With high numbers of parishioners returning to Masses and ministries, I hope we will be able to do great things for our parish family.

Summer is usually considered "down time" for many of us. Our families will be vacationing and getting renewed in anticipation for the Fall. Yet, our work never really ends. Just as God doesn't take a vacation from us, so too, we should not vacation from the practice of our faith. I encourage everyone to remain faithful to Sunday Masses (even if you are out-of-town). It's always interesting to see other churches when we are traveling. Who knows? You may learn something about another parish which you can bring back home to us!

May God bless you and your families during these summer months!



Msgr Perry Kavookjian



WGK Michael Dhanens
Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights. Welcome to my inaugural article as Grand Knight. Again, I want to thank all of you for your support and well wishes. I also want to congratulate those members who will be serving as officers in the 2022-2023 Columbian Year. Many of them are new members to the Knights and our Council. I am encouraged to see so many newer members willing to step up and help with the direction of our Council.

Many of you attended our Officer's Installation Dinner this past Monday, July 11. Our new District Deputy, Eric Ruiz and the District Warden, Vincent Ortiz, were on hand to conduct the installation ceremony. Both gentlemen were impressed with the number of members who attended with their spouses and families. We had over 70 people attend. They were also impressed with the enthusiasm of our Council and with the amount of work we have accomplished over the past years. The food was Pilipino inspired and catered by Sarap. I think you would all agree that it was excellent.

As you have also noted on the first page, we honored Doug and Tess Farolan as Family of the Year and Tim Escalante (and by extension, the Pit Masters) as Knight of the year. I for one, am truly honored to know these excellent examples of Christian charity, faith and good works and they inspire me to want to continue serving our parish and Monsignor Perry. I also want to extend a personal thank you to our WPGK Dennis Shaw for his exemplary leadership over the past two years, much of which was conducted under the shadow of Covid-19 lock downs and in-person restrictions. His wonderful family also had to make sacrifices so that Dennis could spend the time to shepherd our Council through those trying times. He was always quick to point out though, how many really good men there are in our group who constantly step up to carry the load. Dennis has also been a great mentor to me during this transition and he has provided valuable insight and advice.

I am excited to be a part of group of men that, I know, will carry on the legacy of our many outstanding past Grand Knights and the councils they led. I look forward to a very busy and successful year maintaining our level of support to the parish and the local community. I also look forward to welcoming new members that will join us and the energy and excitement they bring. I am also excited to come up with additional ways to minister to our neighbors and welcome any thoughts and suggestions to this end. There will continue to be challenges given the cultural, economic and societal forces in our country. I know we can be a positive influence. Please feel free to contact me at mdarchitect@sbcglobal.net or (661) 747-6285 if you have any ideas or if you feel we can be doing something better. The Knights is only one part of a large and thriving ministry program at SEAS with numerous groups providing a host of services. I would also encourage all members to routinely visit our website at <http://www.koc14754.org> to keep current with programs and our calendar of events. Lets make this a great year. Thank you.

COUNCIL WEB PAGE UPDATE (www.koc14754.org)

By Jim Patten, PGK & Charter Member, and web site manager, Council 14754

Our web page has become an integral part of our council operations since going online November 25, 2021. I continue to provide our paid web master, Paul Piraino, with content updates. I think most of the editing changes we had to make to polish the initial setup are now complete, and we are just making updates for changes like our new slate of officers and directors, new calendar events, and photo album updates. I believe the annual cost of about \$700 to maintain our site is well worth the investment.

Our council store has two payment portholes. One for making the annual dues renewal and the second for all other types of payments to the council, like new member dues, donations, event tickets, etc. For 2022 dues payments 48% of our members used our web site. Another 8% used our council credit card unit, and 44% used cash or checks. Keep in mind that both members and nonmembers can use the MAKE A PAYMENT/DONATION page.

The Calendar page contains all our council meeting dates and locations, and other important council and parish event dates. We can provide a hyperlink to event flyers (like our Lent fish dinners and annual men's retreat) on our calendar.

The newsletter page now contains twelve issues of our council newsletter. So, in addition to being able to view a PDF copy of the current newsletter, web site users will be able to view the previous eleven months of newsletters.

New members are using the HOW TO JOIN page to initiate their membership application. We designed our own council MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION which is a fill-in-form PDF file that anyone can download and save with their information. We designed our web page as a one-source recruiting tool, so if you are approached by anyone about council information or how to join, do direct them to our web site. For the first six months of 2022, our site had 1,686 first time visitors; 2,343 total visitors; 10,119 page views, and 26,446 hits. Those are impressive stats for one council with about 190 members. We can send a detailed stats report to anyone who wants to delve into the details of our site stats.

Our council photo album is designed to highlight major council activities and photos of all our past grand knights, so our emphasis is on quality, not quantity of photos.

Our home page is designed to briefly describe the other pages of our web site and facilitate site navigation. The remaining pages of our web site (MEETINGS, COUNCIL ORGANIZATION, COUNCIL HISTORY, GRAND KNIGHTS PAGE, FOURTH DEGREE CORNER, and PRAYER TO SEAS) are designed to round out our intent to make our site a source for everything members and prospective members need to know about our council and the Knights in general.