



JANUARY NEWSLETTER

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #14754

Please join us for our next Council meeting in February. The date of the meeting will be determined since the second Monday of the month is Valentine's Day and all Brother Knights should be spending that day and evening with their spouse/girlfriends. Please be looking for notification to be sent via flocknote.

- 01/06 Modesto Intoy
- 01/07 Jerry Anderson
- 01/10 Kevin Streiff
- 01/12 Anh Tuan Nguyen
- 01/13 Abel Serrano
- 01/16 Casey Zierner
- 01/17 Michael Smith
- 01/17 Timothy Struempf
- 01/18 Michael Zemanek
- 01/22 Zachary Rude
- 01/23 Augustin Moreno
- 01/26 Antonio Ayala
- 01/29 David Rodriguez
- 01/29 Jose Vargas
- 01/31 Christopher Eicher

Brothers; thanks to the efforts of Brothers James Patten and Louis Rodriguez, our Council website is up and running; koc14754.org. Previous newsletters have contained information about the website. The site will contain information on upcoming events and outlines the various ministries the Council undertakes. If you haven't done so already, members can pay your dues on the website. There are optional methods of payment; it is fast and very easy. Dues can also be paid at the next general council meeting; cash, checks and credit cards can be used.

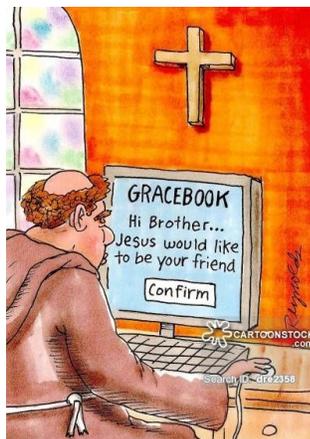
Congratulations to Brother Vincent Pagano who was recently named the new commander of the Bakersfield office of the California Highway Patrol. Brother Vince was in the Navy for 26 years and he has served the CHP since 1999. He has also served as commander at the Fort Tejon office.

The SEAS Men's Retreat that will be held January 28-30 at the St Anthony's Retreat Center in Three Rivers, CA. Once again, Fr. Jim Nisbet will be the featured speaker. The topic will be "Eucharist-Food for the Journey." The cost is \$225 for a shared room and \$325 for a limited number of single rooms. Please contact Brother Vince Pagano at vincent.pagano@1989.usna.com for additional information and a copy of the flyer and registration form. As always, this retreat is open to all men of the parish.

Thank you to all Brothers who brought used clothes for donation to St. Vincent DePaul. The donations were greatly appreciated by Javier Rizo, director of the Center. We are continually looking to collect clothing and hygiene items for St. Vincent DePaul. If you can donate anything, please bring items to our General Council meetings or contact Michael Dhanens at mdarchitect@sbcglobal.net.

From the January edition of Knightline; News for Knights of Columbus:

"Through prayer, advocacy and acts of charity, the Knights of Columbus remains ever vigilant in defending the unborn, helping women and children in need, and standing for the sanctity of all human life."



Message from our Chaplain

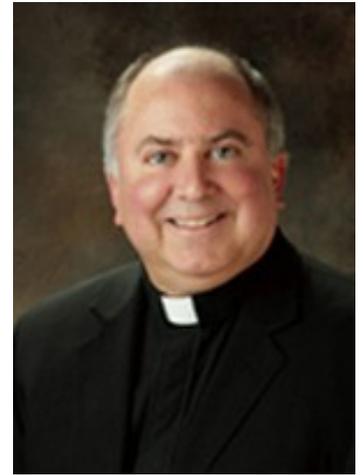
I have to admit that this whole COVID pandemic is wearing me down. Just recently, with the spike in Omicron infections and hospitalizations, our parish has had to consider cancelling some ministries and offering other ministries remotely once again. While we have a mandate from the State regarding wearing masks indoors, most of our parishioners do not follow through and I have decided not to enforce it.

Whether we realize it or not, going through this past couple of years has taken its toll on all of us. Frustrations and tempers are running high; business owners and school teachers are discouraged; and a good number of young people are feeling depressed as well. The pandemic is not simply affecting us physically but mentally, socially and spiritually. In my worse moments, I find myself longing for an early retirement.

But, as we all know, we are called to persevere and stay the course. Eventually, things will change for the better and we will be able to resume our daily routines. That doesn't mean we won't encounter another virus along the way but it does mean that, with each encounter, we get a little stronger and a little wiser about how to respond.

The same is true in the spiritual life. The challenges we encounter in our spiritual lives must be faced courageously. We must learn from those challenges and become better people.

Let's pray that this New Year will bring us the strength and resolve to move forward!



Msgr Perry Kavookjian

WGK Dennis Shaw Grand Knight Report



As we turn the calendar to 2022, I think it is worth taking a brief look back at some of the big 3 fundraisers our parish undertook under the leadership of the Knights of Columbus Council 14754. As we continue to bring more people back from the COVID social distancing and as new parishioners join the flock at SEAS, I am amazed at the generosity of our parish. Here is a look back at the Coats 4 Kids fundraiser, the Thanksgiving Food Drive and the Christmas Food Drive.

In October, under the leadership of Chris Ziemer, *Coats 4 Kids* program collected monetary donations to purchase coats for local children. We collected just over \$14,500.00 which purchased 516 coats. These were provided to Sara Silvestro over at Catholic Charities who identified students at local schools throughout Kern County who were given a new coat for this winter.

In November, under the leadership of Craig Carter and Phil Frailey, we collected food and monetary donations for our annual *Thanksgiving Food Drive*. We collected 87 turkeys, 15 hams, 3,613 total pounds of food, and \$8,665.51 in monetary donations. Catholic Charities was able to provide a box of food for Thanksgiving for around 350 local families.

And in December, under the leadership of Craig Carter and Phil Frailey, we collected food and monetary donations for our annual *Christmas Food Drive*. We collected 115 turkeys, 2 hams, 3,986 total pounds of food, and \$7,108.41 in monetary donations. Again, Catholic Charities distributed almost 600 boxes of food for local families to prepare for Christmas meal. It is worth noting that the majority of these turkeys were donated by 1 SEAS family with special access to reduced cost turkeys through Costco. The Diocese added whole chickens, and SEAS was asked to provide lots of sides. This is a change, but allowed Catholic Charities to push the number of families from 350 to near 600.

As I reflect on these three recent programs to serve those in most need, I am reminded of the Parable of the Sheep and Goats as found in Matthew 25: 31-46. Here we find a list of the 7 Corporal (Bodily) Works of Mercy. These include feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned, and burying the dead. As I reflect on this parable, I see how we serve Christ when we serve the poor. This is meant even for us today and your generous response was overwhelming. Thank you very much for answering the call to help collect the food before Mass, or give food, or give money. As Knights, we get the opportunity to be the hands and feet of our parish as we serve and give to others. I am deeply humbled by the outpouring of love for our fellow man as this group leads our parish in these important activities.

WEB PAGE, DUES, AND MEMBER PROFILES UPDATE

By Jim Patten, PGK & Charter Member, January 5, 2022

If you have not already visited our council's web page (koc14754.org) now is a good time to do so. You can leave feedback messages for us by using the CONTACT US link. Feel free to contact me directly by phone or email (661-70-7430 jpinbakca@gmail.com) since I am currently directing our page updates to our web master.

If you have not already paid your dues, you can do so thru our web page. Just go the council store and click on membership renewal and follow the prompts there. Please keep in mind that there are **two** payment method options. Click on PayPal if you want to pay using your PayPal account **or** click on credit card to use any credit or debit card. You will receive an email receipt for all payments you make thru our web site for either membership renewal or any other type of payment on the make a donation link under the council store. This link should really be called make a payment or donation. I will work with our web master to see if we can edit this link to make it clearer. Members have begun using this link to donate to our resident seminarian Jimmy Millan to cover his family's additional costs connected with caring for his father who had a stroke in December. There is a dialog box provided for you to specify why you are making a payment or donation to our council, and you will see that in the confirming email receipt.

Thru 1/4/2022 thirty-one of our members have paid their 2022 dues. That is only 18% of our members. So, if you are in the 82% unpaid group keep in mind that the quickest way to pay your 2022 dues is by using our web page. Remember this year we are NOT sending dues statements. At the end of this article, I have included our dues remittance form that we have already sent as an attachment to a previous Flocknote email that explains payment procedures for members using cash or check.\

Sam Duran and I are still doing MEMBER PROFILES. I will cover Donovan White next month. I asked Donovan, who has been a Knight for 18 years, is a PGK, a former District Deputy, and a 4th degree member, to experiment using this form to supply his profile information. Donovan is also an IT guy and recently transferred to our council and became our recorder, so he was an ideal candidate to check out using both our web site and our new MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. DONOVAN GAVE ME A THUMBS UP ON BOTH!

You can download the MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION under the HOW TO JOIN page on our web site. The download link is right at the top of that page. This is the form you should supply to any new potential member, so existing members should make sure to direct prospects to this form on our web page. Existing members should also view our HOW TO JOIN page to bring themselves up to date on current membership admission procedures and our dues policies.

One of my personal goals for our council is to create a digital file on each of our members to replace the paper copies of the old Form 100 membership applications. You can help me in this process by downloading the new MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION and filling in your current information, including answering the member profile questions. When completed email me your PDF file so I can replace your old paper Form 100 and add include your PDF file in our permanent council files. (See my contact information at the start of this article.)

ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 14754

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMITTANCE

You can mail or drop off your check with this filled in remittance, or you

can pay your membership renewal online at <https://www.koc14754.org>

Regular member annual dues: \$48.

Honorary member annual dues: \$10

Dues exempt members: \$ 0

All members are asked to pay additional optional dues. The suggested amount is up to \$20 or more, but we ask all members to pay additional dues within their individual budgets.

Enter your annual dues amount\$

CHECK MEMBERSHIP CARD DELIVERY CHOICE

_____ I'll pick up my card at a council meeting

Enter your optional due\$

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Make checks payable to K of C Council 14754

Dues mailing address: MEMBER NAME _____

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REMINDERS:

Membership renewals must be made by January 31!

Reminder notices will be emailed to unpaid members on January 15.

Third and final unpaid dues notices will be emailed as well.

We will never suspend a member who is unable to pay his dues, but we have no choice if he is unwilling to pay or not traceable. To request a dues waiver or reduction please contact our council's membership director by logging into our council web site <https://www.koc14754.org> and email him using his email link on the HOW TO JOIN page. More information about our council's dues policies and the importance of keeping your contact information current can also be found under the HOW TO JOIN page of our council web site.