



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #14754

Please join us for our next Council meeting, Monday, December 13th. This meeting will be a Christmas Party for the entire family beginning at 6:00pm in the St Stephen Room. Plan on attending with your family as we celebrate the Christmas season and the end of a productive year.

- 11/02 Timothy Escanlante
- 11/03 Chukie Okunzua
- 11/04 Jim Angell
- 11/05 Nick A Kelly
- 11/12 Frank Gonzales
- 11/12 Louis R Rodriguez
- 11/13 Christian Jaramillo
- 11/15 Victor Nunuz
- 11/19 Lorenzo Espinoza Jr
- 11/20 William Wonderly
- 11/26 Phillip Frailey
- 11/28 David Williamson

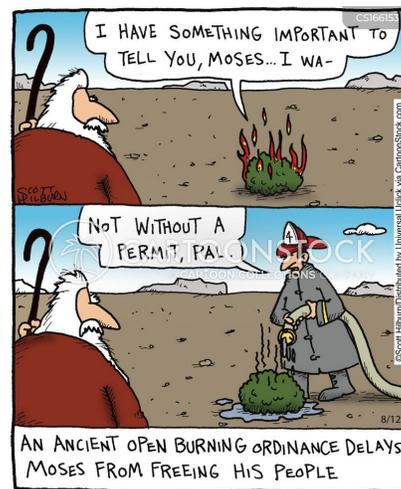
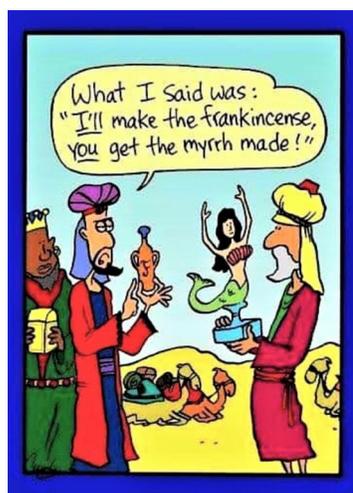
Thanks to all parishioners and Brothers who donated turkeys, hams, foodstuffs or monetary contributions to the Thanksgiving Food Drive held this past weekend at all the masses. All donated items will be used to provide meals to needy families. The money will be used to purchase additional turkeys and hams to complete the meals. Thanks also to Craig Carter who organizes the effort as well as the many fellow Knights who come out to assist with the collections. Catholic Charities is hoping to provide meals to 450 families this year.

Nearly 100 Advent Wreath kits were handed out this past weekend after all the masses. The kits contain all of the arts and crafts supplies necessary for families to make their own Advent Wreaths at home. These kits are sponsored by your Knights Council. Many thanks to Essie Anderson who spearheads the collection of materials and the assembly of the kits. She is helped by a handful of women including a few wives of Council members. The Council truly appreciates their assistance.

Mark your calendars for the next 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.

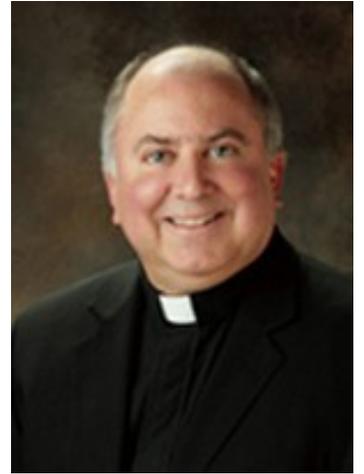
The Council is continually looking to collect clothing and hygiene items for St. Vincent DePaul. If you can donate anything, please bring items to our General Council meetings or contact Michael Dhanens at mdarchitect@sbcglobal.net. Your donation is GREATLY appreciated by the St. Vincent DePaul Center.

516 children's coats were donated to Catholic Charities as a result of the Knights of Columbus sponsored Coats for Kids program. The generosity of the SEAS parishioners is greatly appreciated!



Message from our Chaplain

Editors Note: Monsignor Perry was given this month off from writing a message to us, in part, so that he can devote his considerable ministerial skills to preparing some outstanding daily and Sunday homilies these past weeks. In future editions of the Newsletter we want to try something different. We will be introducing comments and reflections from our Deacons (and quite possibly, our Seminarian, Jimmy Milan). We hope that this approach will broaden what ideas we, as members of the Knights of Columbus, get exposed to and we get to hear different perspective on parish life and on our united spirituality. We anticipate some thought provoking messages in the coming months. God Bless; and Vivat Jesus!



Msgr Perry Kavookjian

WGK Dennis Shaw Grand Knight Report



Well Brothers, this months Newsletter is late and I take the blame. I keep wanting to sit down and type something for Brother Michael Dhanens so he can finish the Newsletter and send it out, but life and work keep getting in the way. That is in no way an excuse, but more of an insight that came to a head for me this morning at Mass.

After arriving early to SEAS for interviews with KERO TV23, I hung out with the Knights collecting food for our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Then just before Mass started, I ran in and took my seat. Then part way through Mass, I went back outside to make sure something was being taken care of and of course, it was. When I got back to Mass, I felt very disconnected with what I missed, and I just asked God to come to me and bring me peace so I could get the most out of my remaining time at Mass.

I assume most of you are wondering why I share this story. I think I often find myself being so busy serving at home, or the parish, or the Knights, or at work, etc, that I fail to put first things first. I have less time for prayer and reflection, or Scripture reading, or just quiet time to refresh my spirit. I think, as all of us approach the holidays, we all need that gentle reminder to step back, slow down, and put first things first. I want to encourage all of you to try and carve out time in your busy schedules for prayer, reflection, Bible reading, spiritual book reading, or whatever connects you to our Lord and Savior as we enter Advent. If anyone has any great ideas of things you do to meet this need, I welcome your thoughts in the comments section of the Flocknote with this Newsletter. I hope and pray you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a spiritually renewed Advent. Until next month, take care and God Bless...

PGK Jim Dutton; Member Profile

When and where you born and raised, and did you have any siblings? I was born on August 1st 1936 in Crescent, Oklahoma which is about 40 miles Northwest of Oklahoma City. I didn't live there very long. In fact my mom and dad lived in Louisiana. My dad worked for an oil company near New Orleans in a little town called Bunkie. Obviously when my mom was going to have me, my dad was working out of town, so he took my mother back to her mother's home in Oklahoma where I was born. Later we went back to Bunkie. My dad worked in the oilfields and when he quit and we moved to town in Arkansas by the name of Smackover where we lived for a short time. Later we moved to Bakersfield California to where my grandparents on my dad's side were living. We came to Bakersfield when I was 7 years old in 1944, during World War II. I was the oldest of the children and had two younger sisters. My oldest sister died several years ago. My other sister Carol, lives in Pismo Beach.

Would you describe your carrier/occupation? After I graduated from high school in 1954, I went to work for my dad helping build metal buildings. A year later when I was 19 years old, I got a job for the railroad. They needed someone to help with repairing track and bridges as we had a lot of flooding in California in 1955. I became a member of a railroad gang that had our own 13 car train, and we just traveled all around the San Joaquin Valley, the Mojave Desert and Owens Valley. After we finished repairing the flood damage, I was transferred into engine service for a while and later promoted to engineer. I worked for the railroad for a total of 43 years

Did you serve in the military? (when, branch, where). I got drafted into the Army in November of 1959. I did my basic and AIT at Fort Ord and afterwards was assigned to the 5th Missile Battalion, 517th Artillery located at the Dyess Air Force base outside of Abilene, Texas which then a part of the Strategic Air Command. We had two missile batteries and a headquarters battery where I was stationed. Each battery was about 10 or 15 miles on either side of Abilene which had around 50 Nike Hercules missiles. They knew I was in the transportation profession when I got there, so I was put in charge of their motor pool and I became their crane operator. The missile sites were under heavy guard, so when they when delivered a missile they'd send the truck to one of the batteries, but didn't allow the driver in and would have him wait in the guard shack. They would call me at headquarters and I'd get the crane out to the battery. I would take the truck down to the launch site where I would lift it off the truck and put the missile in a bunker until they needed it. After I completed my two year service commitment, I went back home to Bakersfield.

What is your educational background? While in Smackover I attended 1st grade. After we moved to the Greenfield area south of Bakersfield I went to the McKee grade school and then Bakersfield High. I graduated high school in 1954 and only took a few college classes after that.

When and why did you join the Knights and what council positions did you hold? While attending Saint Francis in 1999, some of the guys asked me if I wanted to join the Knights of Columbus. I talked it over with Barbara and she said I should give it a try, which I did and I really enjoyed it. After several years with Council 977, I worked my way up the chairs to treasurer and then Grand Knight. Later I became Grand Knight for the second time. This was when I was asked if I wanted to help start a Council at SEAS, since I started attending the SEAS Masses at Frontier High School, to which I agreed. I spent a many a Sunday out at a table getting the names of men willing to start a council. We were able to get the required number of men needed to get Council 14754 established. After we started our Council the members voted to make me their Grand Knight and Gary Rohr the Deputy Grand Knight.

What are your hobbies and interests? I can't say I have any hobbies but I do like to tinker with wood. I don't think of myself a great woodworker but I enjoy making and repairing things made of wood. I guess you can say that I am interested in helping out here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. I take care of whatever needs fixing along with setting rooms up for upcoming meetings and oftentimes cleaning things up afterwards.

What is your marital status? (Number of children, grandchildren, etc.) In the late 1950's I was at Michener's Drive-in, on 18th Street, where I hung out a lot. A buddy and I were sitting in a car waiting for food to come, when a friend Marlene came up to me and introduced me to her girlfriend Barbara. After a while I asked her out and later started spending time together. In June of 1959, we decided to get married. We were both working at that time, so after I finished my run down to LA and got home Friday night then on Saturday morning we jumped into the car and took off for Las Vegas. We got married that evening at a little church named Wee Kirk o' the Heather and returned home Sunday afternoon. We both went back to work the next day. We didn't have a chance for a honeymoon. We had three children. David was our first, then Rick and then Shelley. David died when he was 30 some years old. Our son Rick, lives in Nevada and Shelley lives here in town. David never did marry. Rick has three girls and Shelly has a boy and a girl, and we have five great grandchildren.

When did you become a Catholic? (Original parish, date joined our parish). When we married, Barbara wasn't a Catholic. Later she received instruction and became a Catholic in 1961. One day she asked me if I cared whether we got the kids baptized Catholic, as she was aware how both my folks felt about Catholics. I said whatever you want to do is fine with me, my folks are not me, so we baptized the kids Catholic. Later in 1996, I decided to also get baptized as well, as I had never been. I went to meetings with Fr. Craig Harrison who then later baptized me and brought me into the Church. One thing that was special was that Monsignor Morton blessed both our marriage and Barbara's parent's marriage at St. Francis Church, at the same time.

INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENT OF A WEB SITE FOR COUNCIL 14754

prepared by Jim Patten 11/17/2021

Louis Rodriguez and I are working to develop a web page for our council.

The council engaged and paid \$500 to Paul Piraino, an experienced brother Knight and web master, to have him set up a web site for our council based on his sample template that you can view by pasting the following into your browser: <https://www.knights12173.com>

You can learn more about Paul's web master operations by going to: <https://www.pirainoenterprises.com>

The initial \$500 payment to Paul was to purchase his template design and have him populate it with material specific to our council. At this point we should be "live" in December. We started the project in early October and are pleased with the progress so far. Eventually we would like to have Louis serve as our council web master, but we believe it would be prudent to continue to engage Paul to act as our web master until such time as we think we can act as our own web master. I have learned a lot about web page building and maintenance by working with Paul. Although I had a web page at CSUB as an accounting and tax professor that was years ago, and my web page was only a subset of the overall CSUB domain site. His annual fee for his web master services is \$500. Even going on our own world annual domain services renewals and updates of the security certificate required for any web site that would amount to about \$200 annually. I know now why there are so many bad web sites since many folks try to build their own web page without using an experienced web master. This includes many K of C council web pages that I looked at before running into the council web pages that Paul manages.

I will let the council know as soon as we get an initial preview draft of the site. Even though Louis and I are working on the material for our site that we are feeding to Paul, I am acting as the key contact person with Paul for our council, because he has learned that this is the only way to operate. Please feel free to email, text, or call me if you have any questions or suggestions: jpinbakca@gmail.com or 661-703-7430

The navigation panel (see example at Paul's web site noted above) will appear on all segments of our site, as follows:

NAVIGATION

Home	Welcome page and explanation of site navigation.
Meeting Dates:	Our council officer and regular meetings for the current fraternal year. Will also contain a map showing our parish meeting location (Should be able to plug into GPS navigation devices.)
Newsletter	An archive of current and past council newsletters.
Council History	An article by Jim Patten covering our council history.
Council Organization	List of all council officers, directors, and chairs for the current fraternal year. Will include a description of all officer duties and an overview of the four service programs ((Faith, Family, Community, Life)
Grand Knight Page	A message from the current GK.
Council Photo Album	Could have albums, captioned individual photos, etc.
Fourth Degree Corner	A brief explanation of the 4 th degree and links to the assembly.
Prayer to SEAS	Info on St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and a link to the SEAS web site
How to Join	A message from the current membership director covering how to join our council. (Name badge form; member profile, dues, etc.). Anyone will be able to download a copy of the membership application.
Council Store	PAY PAL porthole for payment of dues (using any credit card) and making payment fo other Knight and parish functions; Men's Retreat, Event tickets, Advent Wreaths, Council shirts, etc.
KNIGHT LINKS	These would be hyperlinks to the noted web pages; Supreme web page, CA Knights web page, KofC Museum, Columbia Magazine, Father for Good, Knights gear.