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NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #14754

Our December 11 council meeting has been cancelled since the parish wide Our Lady Of Guadalupe Vigil Mass and celebration will be on that date. Our council's Christmas Family dinner will be held on Tuesday December 12. Details will be sent via Flocknote.



11-2 Tim Escalante
11-3 Chukie Okunzua
11-4 Jim Angell
11-12 Frank Gonzales
11-12 Louis Rodriguez
11-13 Christian Jarmilo
11-15 Vic Nunez
11-19 Lorenzo Espinoza
11-20 Bill Wonderly
11-26 Phil Frailey
11-27 Al Sandrini
11-29 Luke Puncer

Update on dues collections: Forty two of the 160 dues bills for 2024 have been collected as of 11/14/2023. All the unpaid 2024 dues bills have now been mailed. January 15, 2024, is the payment deadline.

Coats For Kids: This is the eighth year we have participated in the KofC Coats For Kids Drive and we hit another record amount of 636 coats purchased at a total cost of \$14,419. Over the last eight years our council has raised \$79,700 for the program through parishioner donations and purchased 3,624 coats which we deliver for distribution to the Catholic Charities Bakersfield location. A thumbs up to Brother Chris Ziemer for chairing all 8 years!

St Vincent DePaul Homeless Center (SVDP): Our parish donated six of the 20 turkeys needed for the annual Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless at the SVDP on November 22, 2023, which is sponsored by the Kern/Inyo chapter consisting of all the sixteen active KofC councils in the two-county area. The turkeys are cooked at the Christ The King council 12719 deep pit and served up by Knights from various chapter councils.

Upcoming events:

Thanksgiving Food Drive November 18 & 19.

Christmas Food Drive December 16 & 17

We should have the results of both these annual food drives to report in our December newsletters

Men's Retreat January 26-28, 2024. Retreat flyer will be posted on our website calendar.

COMMENTS ON ARTICLES

This month's member profile is on Larry Hendricks a 29-year Honorary member.

The publishing deadline for our December 2023 newsletter is December 8, 2023, so members wishing to submit newsletter items should do so by then. Please email submissions to Jim Patten (jpinbakca@gmail.com).

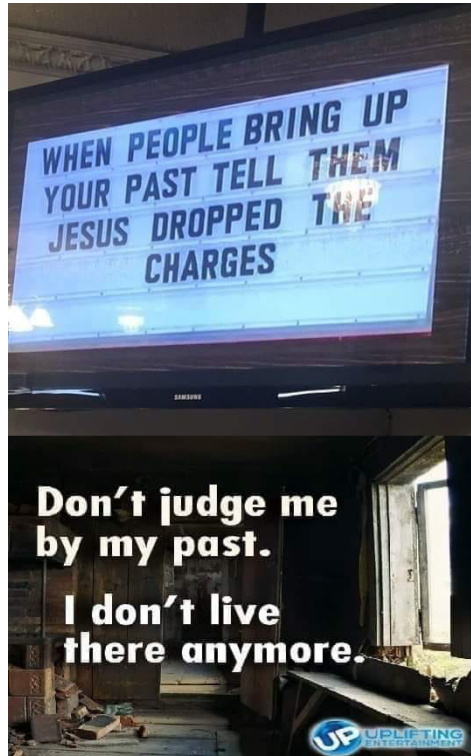
WORDS FOR THOUGHT

YOU COME FROM DUST; YOU WILL RETURN TO DUST.

That's why I don't dust. It could be someone I know.

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE WITHOUT A SMILE, GIVE THEM ONE OF YOURS.

ASAP: Always Say A Prayer



KofC recruiting cards:

GK Donovan White gave the green light on distributing what we will call KofC recruiting membership cards. All our members should have at least one of these cards to keep on hand to give to prospective members. They were distributed at our November council meeting and sent with all the mailed 2024 dues bills. We also left a supply of these cards for distribution at the parish office. We deliberately left enough white space on these cards for recruiters to write their contact information on. In our October 2023 newsletter article on HOW TO JOIN OUR COUNCIL by Jim Patten it was noted that all a prospect needed to join our council was to be pointed to the HOW TO JOIN page of our council website, so one side of the recruiting card reads: Go to WWW.koc14754.org and open the How to Join page to begin the membership process. The other side of the recruiting card notes our CONTACT US link found at the top navigation bar on our website which allows anyone to email our council 24/7 with questions or comments. We ordered an initial supply of 250 of these cards from Avery.com. We will wait a month or so to see if edits are needed to these cards before we order another supply. Please give edit comments or requests for additional cards to DGK and membership director Bill Jeffries (billjeffries1953@gmail.com).

MEMBER PROFILE-LARRY HENDRICKS

By Jim Patten, PGK & charter member council 14754-October 2024.

Larry is one of our seven members living out of state. Larry joined our council in 2010 and was

very active in our parish and council until he and his wife Sharon moved away in 2015. Larry took his 2nd and 3rd degrees while at our council. He joined the Knights in 1995 so he now has 29 years of Knight membership and is now an Honorary member.

I believe Larry and Sharon lived in two other states after leaving Bakersfield before finally moving to Florida. We really appreciate Larry keeping us up to date on all the changes in his contact information over the years which makes him a shining example for other members. I encouraged Larry to provide his profile information to share in our newsletter so here it is.

Larry, a cradle Catholic, was born in 1957 and raised in Toledo Ohio and has five siblings.

On his career Larry wrote. "I spent most of my career directing operations for multi-unit , multi-state retailers. I currently own a home improvement store in Sebring Florida."

On his education Larry wrote that he had 12 years in parochial school and graduated from the University of Toledo.

Larry wrote: "My dad was a Knight. I love to volunteer my time to church and school activities." Those of us who worked side by side with Larry at our many Knight and parish activities while he lived in Bakersfield can attest to Larry's generosity and great volunteer efforts!

On hobbies and interests Larry wrote: "Coaching and mentoring kids is my passion. I follow most sports and go fishing at every chance."

Larry and Sharon were married in 1987 and have a daughter and two grandchildren. Their current parish is Our Lady of grace in Avon Park Florida. Here is the note to me that Larry included with his profile information.

"Hope you are doing well. We are doing great in Sebring Florida. I am transitioning to semi-retired status with the plan to sell the business in a year to one of our current associates. I truly miss SEAS and especially the KofC men. Please send my best to the group."

Here is the fish photo Larry sent.

