NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #14754

Website: www.koc14754.org

"There is no limit to what a man can do or where he can go if he doesn't mind who gets the credit." President Ronald Reagan.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Seventeen members of Council 14754 have cause of extra Thanksgiving this month as they celebrate their birthdays. Some fun facts about these great Brother Knights:

- Two Knights will celebrate their birthday on Thanksgiving Day this year—Craig Jackson and Phil Frailey.
- Speaking of Phil Frailey, he is in the midst of his 44th year of Knights membership!
- On the other end of the spectrum, we have Richard Castenada, who is celebrating a birthday this month and his first month of Knights membership.
- We have four Sir Knights with birthdays this month: Master Pitmaster SK Tim Escalante, SK Chukie Okunzua, SK Christian Jaramillo and SK Luke Puncer.
- Our most senior Knight, Al Sandrini, was born in the second term of FDR's Presidency. Our most junior member (with a November birthday) Luke Puncer was born in the 1st term of George W. Bush.
- Famous Catholics with birthdays in November include Bishop Barron (Nov. 19) and Pope John XXIII (Nov. 25)
- Happy birthday to all of our November Knights.

Day	Knight	Yrs. Service
1	Erick Torres	12
2	SK Tim Escalante	16
3	SK Chukie Okunzua	20
4	James Angell	16
4	Brian Carmody	10
4	Richard Castenada	1
12	Frank Gonzales	12
12	Louis Rodriguez	11
12	Richard Castenada	1
13	SK Christian Jaramillo	14
15	Victor Nunez	11
20	William Wonderly	16
25	Bona Nweze	15
26	Phil Frailey	44
26	Craig Jackson	2
27	Al Sandrini	4
29	SK Luke Puncer	4

WHAT'S UP

- **Ongoing in November: Thanksgiving Collection**
- **November 1: All Saints Day**
- **November 2: All Souls Day**
- **November 5:** 6:30 pm Officer's Meeting
- **November 7:** 7 am COR 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
- **November 29: First Sunday of Advent**
- **Ongoing in December: Christmas Collection**
- **December 4: 4th** Degree Christmas Party
- **December 8: Day of Assumption:** (Obligation) Mass: 7am, 6pm, 7:30pm (Spanish)
- **December 10**: Officer Mtg. St Stephens Rm
- **December 14:** 6 pm General Council Christmas Party
- **December 19:** 7am **COR** Mtg
- **December 19:** Christmas Carols with Kern River Brass after 5pm Mass
- **December 24: Mass times**: 4pm, 6pm, 8:30pm (Spanish) 10:30 pm
- **December 25: Mass times**: 9:30 am, 11:30am (Spanish)
- **December 26:** 7am Bible Study 8:30 Men's Choir
- **December 31:** New Year's Vigil Prayer and Adoration: 11pm
- **January 1:** Mary Mother of God (Obligation) **Mass**: 9:30am, 11:30am (Spanish)

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: https://forms.gle/CA57mUAJ8PbHs5rq8

GRAND KNIGHT MESSAGE
MIKE PANOS

"If you want something done, ask a busy person to do it." As we enter the holiday season, we will be very busy at the Knights of Columbus. In addition to our life with the Knights and our Catholic Church, our personal lives are busier. As Grand Knight, I ask all members to volunteer when you can. A powerful reminder that everyone has something to contribute, regardless of how much or how little they can do, is represented by the following quote by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve."

The results of our recent successful Coats for Kids Program are as follows:
-$15,025.52 donated by parishioners.
-Delivered the coats to Catholic Charities, which was our stated goal.
-We provided 1,049 coats to kids.
-We provided 692 coats to teens.
-We provided 1,742 total coats.
-Catholic Charities and the Knights made approximately 27 stops.

Thank you to Chris Ziemer who is the Coats for Kids Chairman and all the other Knights who contributed to the success of this program.

FAITH MESSAGE
BILL JEFFRIES

This world needs courageous men to witness to others for Jesus Christ. *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

Cor meetings called ***"Into the Breach"*** at SEAS for Catholic Men who are age 18 and older are scheduled in **St. John Room.**
Please mark your calendars & RSVP

If you have any questions, contact Bill Jeffries, Faith Director at 661-706-6171 or email billjeffries1953@gmail.com

Day & Date	**Time**	**Video Topics**	**Room**
Saturday, November 7	7 am-8:30 am	"Suffering" "Marriage: the Foundation of the Family"	St. John's
Saturday, December 19	7 am-8:30 am	"Sacramental Life" "The Gift of Children"	St. John's
Saturday, January 16	7 am-8:30 am	"Spiritual Warfare" "Healing of the Family"	St. John's

November 2026 Challenge

"He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'" (Gospel for Nov. 22, Mt 25:45)

Sin can be categorized in two ways, sins of commission and sins of omission. We ask God to forgive us for both kinds of sins in the main form of the ***Confiteor*** at Mass — "***in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do."*** It is a sin to do evil, and it is a sin to neglect one's moral obligations. The true disciple sees the suffering Jesus in the poor, the sick, the oppressed and the lonely — and offers what he can to help.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

"This month, I challenge you to be aware of those in need around you, just as Blessed Michael McGivney did, and take action to serve those in need, perhaps by participating in your council's Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program."

Questions for Reflection:

Who are the "least ones" among you? Do you recognize Christ in these "least ones" in need? In what ways do you respond positively to their needs, and in what ways do you ignore or neglect them? How might you do better in this regard?

Pray the Rosary, spend time at Eucharistic Adoration. (SEAS has Adoration on Wednesdays from 7:30 am-12:30 pm)

Faith formation & Resources

https://www.kofc.org/resources/faith-formation/faith-resources/

https://www.kofc.org/resources/faith-formation/mens-faith-formation/cor/

https://www.kofc.org/live-your-faith/into-the-breach-video-series/#itbresources

May God Bless you!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE
CRAIG HOLLIDAY
Membership Director and Deputy Grand Knight

Membership:
Our Membership continues to go at a healthy pace. As of November 1, 2026 we have 209 members. We have already met out Fraternal Year quota this year by adding 14 new members. Additionally, we have added four transfer members and reactivated three others. Please welcome new members for October: Richard Castenada, Glenn Harris, and Paulo Ventura. We also welcomed a transfer: Nick Chicani-Neto, who most recently was a member in the Ohio-Kentucky area.

Dues:
We started our Fraternal Year dues collection last month. Thus far we have collected dues from 43 members, for a total of $1,950. Through the generosity of our members, we have also $2,021 in optional dues. These wonderful contributions make it possible for us to have a greater impact in the parish and larger community. We will be collecting dues at the upcoming General meeting on November 9th.

God Bless!

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"

Register online or by registration form available in the church lobby

The 2026 SEAS Men's Retreat Class



DO YOU LIKE TO SING IN THE SHOWER? HOW ABOUT IN CHURCH?
WE NEED MORE VOICES!!

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. If you are interested just show up at one of the rehearsals, of 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 to:

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