



**Knights of
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OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #14754

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Happy Birthday!

October 2024
BIRTHDAYS & Years
of Service

- 02 Brent Banducci, 15
- 02 John Lugo, 15
- 05 Joe Puncer, 13
- 07 Roy Olegario, 0
- 08 Dave Begley, 12
- 09 Richard Murillo, 12
- 10 GK Bill Jeffries, 16
- 12 Eddie Marmolejo, 19
- 16 John Mihal, 9
- 17 Anecito Damo, 36
- 18 Chuck Westbay, 5
- 18 Erik Zarate, 8
- 21 Jamie Garrido, 10
- 21 Doug Trask, 8
- 21 Brandon Whitehead,
1
- 24 Rafael Herrera, 0
- 26 Michael Dhanens, 8
- 27 Ordano Fernandez,
10
- 29 Raul Natividad, 3

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

These 19 members have 11 average years of service ranging from less than one year to 36 years. The two members with zero years of service joined our council as new members in 2024. This month's average age is 61 ranging from 33 to 78. October birthdays include three of our charter members (Brent Banducci, John Lugo, and Eddie Marmolejo), and GK Bill Jeffries. In this month's birthdays, there are three 4th degree and sixteen 3rd degree members.

Upcoming events:

10/13&14 Recruiting drive at all Masses

10/14 October council hospitality hour 6 pm; Member meeting starts 7 pm

See calendar on our website for more dates (www.koc14754.org)

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On the passing of Gordon Fisher, by Jim Patten

SVDP Homeless Center Breakfast, by Craig Holliday

End note-On what we do, by Jim Patten

The submission deadline for our November 2024 newsletter is 11/08/2024 Please email submissions to Jim Patten (jpinbakca@gmail.com).

NOTE FROM CRAIG HOLLIDAY, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

October is the start of our 2025 dues cycle. As of October 1, we had 190 members and although some members are exempt from regular dues all members are asked to consider paying additional optional dues within their individual budgets. Member bills will be available for pick up at our October and November council meetings. Those bills not picked up after the November meeting will be mailed. You really do not need to wait for your paper dues bill. You can pay your 2025 dues 24/7 on our website (koc14754.org) using the MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL page or the MAKE A PAYMENT/DONATION page that some members find more convenient. We are unable to print 2025 membership cards until mid-October so we will be mailing paid membership cards, or they may be picked up at our November and December meetings. **Your 2025 dues should be paid by January 15, 2025.**

MAXINE HUMOR:

*I'm willing to admit I'm wrong.
And I'll prove it if
it ever happens.*

HIGHER MATH

**The best math you can learn is how
to calculate the future costs
of current decisions.**

NOTE: Fr. Perry in on retreat. His newsletter article will resume next month.

GRAND KNIGHT'S ARTICLE

Thank you to SEAS Knights and family members who prepared and served breakfast to the homeless at SVDP on Saturday Sept 28. Invoices for food and supplies submitted to our Treasurer for payment totaled \$452.86. October is a busy Month! About 10 SEAS PitMasters prepared chicken for the annual SVDP dinner on Thursday Oct 4th. SEAS Knights have been taking up a second collection the weekends of Sept 28, 29 and Oct 5, 6 for the 2024 annual Coats for Kids program. To date \$10,595 has been collected. **Fall '24 MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT** is the weekend of Oct 12, 13. Before all 4 Masses Knights will greet and pass out prayer cards at the entrances. Catholic Men 18 years and older will be invited to stop by our Knights table in the main lobby of the church. QR code pins will be available to scan on their cell phone or your cell phone to fill out or the prospect can fill out the paper copy of the membership application. All of you can invite a prospect to attend our Social/Dinner on Monday Oct 14 Columbus Day. RSVP to me the name so we can have enough food prepared. PLEASE wear your KofC badge on the weekend of Oct 12, 13 and Monday Columbus Day Oct 14. Will have signup sheets to assist LMF with their annual rummage sale (Volunteers needed Oct 17, 18, 19) at the Thursday Oct 10th Business meeting and at the Monday Oct 14th general meeting. Will also provide any updates of the annual Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Drive for Catholic Charities at both meetings.

GK Bill Jeffries

Gordon Fisher June 10, 1937 – September 7, 2024 Gordon joined our council in 2017 when he



and his wife transferred from St. Philip to SEAS. He was a full colonel and loved to take parishioners on tours of military installations through his connections in the retired military officers association. I had a chance to meet with Gordon at his home shortly after he joined our council, and he told two stories about his military career that I would like to share.

Early in his military career during the Cold War he served in Germany with the 24th Infantry Division where he was a helicopter pilot and commanded a mechanized infantry company that he described as the tip of the spear. This was because his unit was stationed by the Fulda Gap which was the primary route the Russians would have used to invade eastern Germany, and his unit would have been the first to engage them.

When he was having his home in Bakersfield built he still had to maintain his active pilot status, so he would fly his helicopter stationed in San Diego up to Bakersfield and back each week to view the construction progress. Back then there was plenty of open land around his house, and Gordon pointed out where he would land so he could simply walk over to the construction site.

The photo above is of the memorabilia table at Gordon's funeral.

ST VINCENT DePaul HOMELESS CENTER BREAKFAST, by Craig Holliday

On the morning of Saturday, September 28th, 2024, a crew of 10 Knights (and four Knights family members) prepared breakfast at the St Vincent de Paul Center on Baker Street. The event was planned by Past Grand Knight Michael Dhanens. The menu included scrambled eggs, potatoes, sausage, and tortillas. Work started at about 6:30 a.m. with the cracking of eggs, the peeling and dicing of potatoes, and the cooking of sausage. After two hours of prep work, the food was served at 8:30 a.m. Center staff reported that we served about 240 people. As one of the people who was serving on the line, I can vouch that there were definitely people who came back for seconds (and some thirds). People eating breakfast were very happy with us. Many thanked us for our work and wished us well. The photo below is of the breakfast serving line.



END NOTE: by Jim Patten

In our September newsletter I reported that our council earned star council recognition for the 2023/24 fraternal year. Here is a listing of the major activities we reported in our Columbian Award Application which is part of the star council criteria.

FAITH PROGRAMS:

We provided \$2,000 in financial aid to seminarian Francisco Orozco.

We conducted the 5th Sunday rosary program.

We provided sacramental gifts to Fr. Jimmy Milan and Deacon martin Ortega, both of whom were prior seminarians assigned to our parish.

We supported the Annual Catholic Men's Retreat in Three Rivers, CA with 46 attendees lead by Fr. Jim Nesbit.

FAMILY PROGRAMS:

We conducted the parish annual Thanksgiving and Christmas food drives to benefit Catholic Charities in Bakersfield and continued our monthly food bin deliveries to Catholic Charities. (See cumulative food drive information in the report below.)

We have a Knight of the month, and Knight of the year program, and a Family of the Year recognition program.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS:

We do an annual Coats For Kids drive. (See cumulative Coats For Kids information in the report below.)

We do several breakfasts at the St Vincent DePaul homeless center.

We provide the pancake breakfast for the annual Mom's group 5K run at SEAS.

We donate to the SEAS Ladies Ministry Fellowship for their assistance in assisting with our Lent Friday fish dinners.

LIFE PROGRAMS:

We support local Right To Life groups including Kern Right To Life and the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center.

The report below provides detail of the last three fraternal years of both council parish support and donations and parish fundraising done by the council. It also provides cumulative data for the thirteen years ending June 30, 2024. Although our council began its operations in April 2009, it was not until the year ending June 30, 2012, that we were able to provide significant parish support and donation programs.

Since 2017 the only continuing fundraising done by our council is our annual Lent Friday fish dinners. In general, none of the parish ministries conduct significant individual fundraising efforts since the focus on fundraising at SEAS is through parish-wide activities to raise funds for running the parish and our parish building fund.

Suggestion: You might consider making a copy of this article to be able to give prospective members examples what our council does.

ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 14754 THREE YEAR COMPARATIVE CONTRIBUTION RECORD AND CUMULATIVE AMOUNTS SINCE THE FRATERNAL YEAR ENDED 6/30/2012 Note: Although the council was formed in April 2009 substantial contributions only began in the fraternal year ending 6/30/2012.	TEN YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL 2012 thru 2021	2022	2023	2024	THIRTEEN YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL 2012 thru 2024 FRATERNAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30
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PARISH SUPPORT PAID BY COUNCIL:

Building fund contributions	\$ 42,550.00				\$ 42,550.00
Various parish events and supply items	18,955.47	5,581.32	3,658.20	4,793.79	32,988.78
Parish BBQ construction costs (Council provided the "sweat equity")	5,454.84				5,454.84
SEAS LADIES MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS	5,300.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	9,800.00
TOTAL PARISH SUPPORT	\$ 72,260.31	\$ 7,081.32	\$ 5,158.20	\$ 6,293.79	\$ 90,793.62

DONATIONS FROM COUNCIL FUNDS:

Food drive funds raised by council (2012 thru 2015)	\$ 37,731.12				\$ 37,731.12
Right To Life groups	15,103.00	500.00	1,000.00	250.00	16,853.00
FRATERNAL YEARS 2012-2020-Various groups	14,401.99				14,401.99
Seminarian Support	4,500.00	3,128.00	3,000.00	2,030.56	12,658.56
Coats For Kids-council portion	4,931.64	188.14			5,119.78
St. Vincent DePaul	1,326.48	369.06	471.58	551.53	2,718.65
KofC Ukraine Support Fund	-	1,100.00			1,100.00
Chatolic Charities-Bakersfield	125.00	500.00			625.00
Three Rivers Retreat Center (bench repairs)	-	400.00			400.00
4th Degree Assembly- Bakersfield	-	400.00			400.00
St. John Vianney Academy	-	300.00			300.00
Knights California Council Museum	0		200.00		200.00
TOTAL DONATIONS FROM COUNCIL FUNDS	\$ 78,119.23	\$ 6,885.20	\$ 4,671.58	\$ 2,832.09	\$ 92,508.10

TOTAL PARISH SUPPORT & DONATIONS MADE DIRECTLY BY COUNCIL \$ 150,379.54 \$ 13,966.52 \$ 9,829.78 \$ 9,125.88 \$ 183,301.72

PARISH FUNDRAISING DONE BY COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS:

Mother's Day Corsage sales to support Kern county RTL	\$ 3,852.00			\$ -	\$ 3,852.00
THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVES CASH CONTRIBUTIONS	74,679.90	16,349.00	16,676.63	16,485.00	124,190.53
COATS FOR KIDS CASH CONTRIBUTIONS	35,424.11	13,508.00	11,643.00	14,418.92	74,994.03

TOTAL PARISH FUNDRAISING DONE BY COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS \$ 113,956.01 \$ 29,857.00 \$ 28,319.63 \$ 30,903.92 \$ 203,036.56
POUNDS OF FOOD COLLECTED AT FOOD DRIVES 132,573 18,363 13,661 12,998 177,595

**GRAND TOTAL COUNCIL PARISH SUPPORT & DONATIONS and PARISH
FUNDRAISING DONE BY THE COUNCIL**

\$ 264,335.55 \$ 43,823.52 \$ 38,149.41 \$ 40,029.80 \$ 386,338.28

MEMO:

COATS FOR KIDS [SUPPORTED BY THE PARISH AFTER 2017]	35,424.11	13,508.00	11,643.00	14,418.92	74,994.03
COATS FOR KIDS-Amount paid by council	4,931.64	188.14	-		5,119.78
Total Coats For Kids	65,694.89	13,696.14	11,643.00	14,418.92	80,113.81
TOTAL COATS PROVIDED	1,968	516	504	636	3,624