



# Knights of Columbus® **SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER**

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #14754**

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**Happy Birthday!**

September 2024  
BIRTHDAYS & Years  
of Service

- 01 Armando Martinez, 0
- 04 Jesse Hathaway, 20
- 04 Rocky Lacertoso, 10
- 05 Ed Knudson, 1
- 11 Clement Ogbuehi, 11
- 16 Ryan Escalante, 13
- 16 Craig Holiday, 1
- 20 Cisco Licea, 10
- 22 Mike Panos, 6
- 23 Bob Borda, 22
- 23 Gary Crawford, 10
- 26 Chris Ziemer, 10
- 28 Louis Naranjo, 4
- 28 Matt Rivera, 6

## **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

These 14 members have 10 average years of service ranging from less than one year to 22 years. Their average age is 56 and the range is from 30 to 74. This month's birthdays include Pit Master Rocky Lacertoso. This month's birthday list also reminds us that not all our members are 3<sup>rd</sup> degree members. In this month's birthdays, three are 4<sup>th</sup> degree, eight are 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, two are 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, and one is a 1<sup>st</sup> degree. It is now easy for all council members to become 3<sup>rd</sup> degree members with our online exemplification that has been around since June of 2020. Just contact our membership director for information on how to upgrade your membership level.

## **Upcoming events:**

- 9/28 Council volunteers serve breakfast at St Vincent DePaul homeless center
  - 9/29 Council leads 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday rosary after 7:30AM Mass
  - 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](http://www.koc14754.org))

## **IN THIS ISSUE:**

- Message from Fr. Perry
- Grand Knight's article The Past; the Present; The Future
- On the advantages of joining the Knights, by Craig Holliday
- End note-We are a star council again!

The submission deadline for our October 2024 newsletter is 10/15/2024 Please email submissions to Jim Patten ([jpinbakca@gmail.com](mailto:jpinbakca@gmail.com)).

## **NOTE FROM CRAIG HOLLIDAY, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**

Please contact me by using the email link to the membership director on our website's HOW TO JOIN page if you have any questions about your membership, or to let me know about any prospective members. As of 9/1/2024 we are at 191 members which includes 50 insurance members and 141 associate members. We continue to be the largest council in the Kern and Inyo county area.

## **MAXINE HUMOR:**

**Unbelievably my computer acts up every time I throw it across the room.**

## **EASY COME EASY GO:**

**What comes easy won't last. What lasts won't come easy.**

## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN AND PASTOR

Dear Brother Knights:

First I want to begin by congratulating our new slate of officers for the 2024-25 Columbian Year. I am grateful to those who step up to accept these positions so that our Council can continue doing the good work that it has done over the past fifteen years. I look forward to another busy and productive year of ministry with you!

Secondly, there are lots of events to anticipate over the next few months: Coats For Kids, Thanksgiving Food Drive, Christmas Food Drive, and more. I encourage you to become involved in these important works of mercy. We are always blessed by the outpouring of generosity on the part of our parishioners.

Finally, I am looking forward to seeing the hot weather behind us! I don't think I have witnessed so many consecutive 100+ degree days since I was a kid growing up in Fresno. Yes, it was hot back then during the summer but not so hot as to keep me inside. I have fond memories of playing outside all day with my brothers and friends even in hot weather. It just didn't seem to bother us that much. Not so today. We have all learned that too much exposure to the sun can cause problems later in life (ask anyone who is now dealing with skin cancer). So, we all take precautions to protect ourselves from the intense heat each summer. Welcome cooler weather!

Msgr Perry Kavookjian

### **Editor's note: Photo taken at the 8/12/2024 officer installation for council.**

We will be posting the group photo taken at the installation on our website. What is remarkable about this installation is that every officer was able to attend, along with most of their spouses. In addition to our district deputy, we had the Kern/Inyo chapter president and vice president in attendance.

### **The Past...The Present...The Future**

**PAST...** Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton K of C Council #14754 was Chartered on April 20, 2009. Forty-six Knights are named on the original Charter list. Msgr. Perry was the Chaplain and 16 years later still serves as the Chaplain for the council.

Over the first 15 years of the SEAS Knights Council, there have been thousands of hours of volunteer time that the Knights have given, plus their talent, treasure, and prayer intentions. We salute all the Past Grand Knights, officers, and members who have served and participated over the last 15 years.

**PRESENT...**As we are in the third month of the 2024 –25 fraternal year. Our Council has grown to 191 Brother Knights! On August 9<sup>th</sup>, the Assembly and SEAS Knights were present for Sir Knight and SEAS Charter Grand Knight, Jim Dutton's funeral, the reception, and the full military honors given at his burial at Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery.

Monday, August 12, we had our Installation of FY24–25 officers in the Church. A dinner serving eighty followed in the St. Therese room with the Knights, their families, and guests. Pictures have always been a part of the SEAS KofC Newsletters. I enjoy taking pictures with my cell phone at Knights and SEAS events. These pictures which capture the Knights at the events are often posted or emailed upon request. Please take advantage to review the pictures posted on our Council's website <https://www.koc14754.org/> . You can also check out the newsletter at <https://www.koc14754.org/newsletter.php> There you will find the list of current and previous newsletters for the last 12 months. It is my desire for others to review and forward the

newsletter(s) with pictures and articles you enjoy. These include Msgr. Perry's message to family and friends around the world. Also note, you will see the "Happy Birthday!" list on the cover page. Thank you, PGK Jim Patten, and charter member, for the newsletter and scrap books with our many photos past, present, and future. This is our Council's History! It is there for you to enjoy!

I am also excited to share that DGK Louis Rodriguez is building the foundation of the SEAS KofC Council #14754 social media platform. This will provide another avenue to post pictures, announce our fundraisers, along with other SEAS ministries' events. Stay Tuned!! August 17, my wife, Monica, and I, along with SK Joseph Puncer, his wife Larena and their baby son, Joseph, and SK John Roza attended the Kern-Inyo Chapter Officers Installation & Testimonial Dinner. Greg Marracq, Immediate California Past State Deputy, and current California State Deputy James Larson both spoke. We also socialized with many Knights and their wives from several of the K of C councils in Kern County.

My appreciation of our Council #14754 extends to all the Officers, Directors, and members who give so generously of their time, talent, treasure, and prayers for others every day.

**FUTURE...** We have a full schedule from September to the end of December 2024.

Some of the event include:

- Serving Breakfast at St Vincent De Paul on Saturday Sept 28
- 5th Sunday Rosary Sept 29th
- Coats for Kids cash donations---Two weekends, (dates yet to be finalized) in early October
- Membership Recruitment for SEAS KofC--Weekend of Oct 12 &13 with pulpit announcements at all 4 Masses. A table in the hallway will be staffed by Knights who will invite new members or transfers to join our Council
- K of C Social Dinner General Meeting Monday, October 14, Columbus Day
- Assist LMF on Oct 18&19 with their Rummage Sale
- Thanksgiving meals for Catholic Charities. We will collect monies and food donations in November (dates to be finalized)
- Annual SEAS KofC Family Christmas dinner and social (Monday, December 9)
- Christmas meals for Catholic Charities. We will collect monies and food donations in December (dates to be finalized).
- SEAS Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day Festival (date & schedule yet to be finalized)
- 5th Sunday Rosary Dec 29th.

I am very much looking forward to having a great participation of our Knights in all these events and at our monthly Pitmaster dinner/social meetings. We will have a wonderful year with your support and prayers for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, our Ministries, and our charities. God Bless all of you!

Vivat Jesus!

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## **ON THE ADVANTAGES OF JOINING THE KNIGHTS**

**By Craig Holliday, Membership Director**

About a year ago, I applied to the SEAS Council of the Knights of Columbus. Personally, I felt drawn to join the Knights to do community service and to seek greater fellowship with the men in our parish. Over the course of the last several months I've attended Knight meetings and have been involved in a variety of community service activities including highway clean ups, fish fries, and volunteering at SEAS events. My first year has been everything that I hoped that it would be. It certainly would not have been possible without the aid of my fellow brother Knights. In the last year, I've become friends with men ranging in age from 19 to 85. Each one of these brother Knights welcomed me to the organization with open arms and helped me to feel like I had belonged for years.

In speaking to other members of the Knights group and asking them why they joined, I heard other great reasons for why someone might join the Knights. Current Grand Knight Bill Jeffries said, "for me being a member of the SEAS C Council #14754 allows me to grow in Faith, Family, Community, Life activities with other brother Knights and their families." Additionally, the Knight who has become a mentor for me, former Grand Knight Jim Patten, said, "getting to know and work with fellow Brother Knights in serving our parish and the community would be number one in my list of reasons to join the Knights." If you are interested in hearing other reasons for joining, please visit the Knights website at <https://www.kofc.org/en/index.html>.

At all Masses on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, our Council will be holding its annual membership drive. I hope you'll consider joining the Knights. For less than \$50 a year you'll join in brotherhood with 2 million Knights worldwide, doing the work of Christ in fellowship with like-minded men across thousands of parishes. Membership in the Knights will also bring with it access to the Knights highly successful and revered insurance programs.

I hope that you'll take the opportunity to join us for our social gathering prior to our Knight's meeting on the evening of October the 14th. That would be a great opportunity for you to enjoy a meal and conversation with present members of our Council and decide if you would like to apply to join us.

### **END NOTE: We are a star council again!**

**By Jim Patten, PGK and Charter Member**

Our council once again earned star council recognition. This latest star was for the year ended June 30, 2024, the 15<sup>th</sup> year since our council's founding in 2009. We now have a total of five star council awards (years 2, 6, 7, 9, and 15). Three other councils in our Kern/Inyo chapter also earned star council recognition for the last fraternal year. They were, 977 St. Francis (the oldest council in Kern County), 2938 St John's in Wasco, and 9530 St Philip.

There is a complete KofC publication covering the requirements to become recognized as a star council which includes doing at least four activities under each of the four program areas (Faith, Family, Community, Life), meeting membership growth quotas, promotion of Knight insurance programs, and timely filing of all required reports to the supreme council.

Congratulations to our 2023/24 officer team and all our members who contributed to the "star" success of our council last year!