



**“THE TRUMPET”**  
**St. Gabriel the Archangel**  
**K of C Council #13286**  
**March 2012**  
**Grand Knight – Mark Schouten**  
**Deputy Grand Knight – Phil Vicinanza**



principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. I am proud to stand next to each one of you and say that you are my Brother.

Vivat Jesus!

Best regards,  
Mark Schouten  
Grand Knight

Brothers,

We have started off the Lenten season. I hope that everyone is taking the time to reflect on renewing our commitment to God. I feel this is an opportunity to have time to reflect each day on the blessings that we all have received.

Some big events for Lent are our Fish Fry's. We served over 150 people on the first evening. We tried some different batter and I feel we rocked the event. There is one more to go. I appreciate all the help to host the event as well as those who participated in the tasting. Also, we had a blood drive. Thank you to everyone for the support.

Our Council had its 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on March 4<sup>th</sup>. I feel this is a great time to thank those brothers that chartered this great council. I want to thank you and all our members for the dedication to our Church and community. Council 13286 has done some fabulous things and truly exemplifies our



## From the State Deputy

Dear Brothers in Christ,

### Knights in Arizona are Launching a New E-Newsletter



In order to better serve the 15,000 member of the Knights of Columbus in Arizona, I have decided to launch this new communications medium. The State Council needs to communicate better with the membership throughout Arizona. Initially, the KOCO will come out at least once per month. At time when activity is high more editions will be transmitted. I see this as one stop for all communications to the Knights of Columbus in Arizona and hope that it is disseminated widely. Check back often for new issues.

<http://www.azknightsocolumbus.com/>

## Membership is Vital to the Life of the Order

The following is a reprint of **Worthy State Deputy Pat Schuller's** address to the 1,800 men in attendance at this year's Catholic Men's Conference in Phoenix.

"The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 by Fr. Michael J. McGivney with a basic goal of taking care of the widows and orphans.

In 1954, the Knights of Columbus were credited with adding 2 words to the Pledge of Allegiance: "UNDER GOD." In 2005, when Michael Newdow in California tried to remove those words from the Pledge, it was the Knights who came to the defense. We finally won this argument in 2010.

Since 1973, the Knights have been supporting the Pro-life movement. We will be the voice for the

unborn.

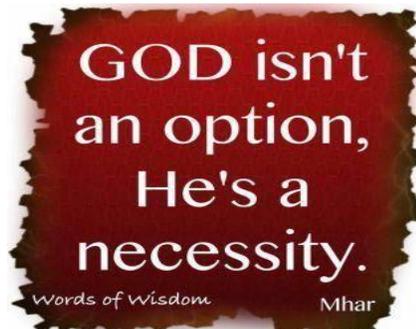
In 2008, the Knights led the charge to protect the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman.

Today, the Knights of Columbus stands with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in opposition to the recent decision by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to force Catholic employers including hospitals, universities, and charities to provide health insurance that covers contraception and sterilization.

Religious freedom is, as Pope Benedict XVI has said, the 'most cherished of American freedoms,' and the 'first of human rights.' No person or institution should ever be forced to act in a manner contrary to their moral and religious beliefs.

Throughout its history, the Knights of Columbus has been an effective advocate and defender of our civil and religious rights.

So I ask, are you ready to STAND in solidarity with our Priests and Bishops?"



### Blood Drive sees 26 Pints to help save some lives

The March 2012 blood drive was a big success for the parish. The quota that we were expected to meet based off historical trends, was 15. The maximum available slots, based on the blood-mobile's capacity and the timeframe they were at St. Gabe's was 27. Our parish (and a number of Knights that I saw on the list who volunteered to donate) came through with flying colors in that we signed up 26 slots -- only 1 off from total capacity!

The next blood drive is currently scheduled for **June 10th** and it will be another blood-mobile with 27 possible slots, of which we will work (and pray) to try and ensure that the parish comes through, yet again, by filling every single slot.

God Bless and V.J.,

Neal Woods, Blood Chairman

*(Edit note: Let's get real here. When the call goes out for blood, who do you think they are talking to? There are many hundreds of parishioners, along with two hundred Knights and their families, and we can only get 26 pints. Come on!!! God gave us a few gallons of blood, why not share some of that precious fluid and donate on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The life you save may be a loved one.)*

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### Visit the Sick and Lonely

By Joe Colosimo

We are currently visiting 10 individuals with 6 of us. Anyone interested in joining us, call **Wally Potter** at 602-463-6661 or **Joe Colosimo** at 602-616-0265.

I am attaching a copy of the flyer for our fundraiser at Wendy's on Wednesday, April 18, from 5 to 8 PM. I urge all of the Brothers to attend, making this endeavor extremely successful. Principal Dr.

**Sharon Pristash** will get support from the Annunciation School contingent.

### These are your fish frying better batter beaters

Bro. Tex Wagner and PGK Jim Gragnano prepare the feast on Friday, March 16th before the Stations of the Cross ceremony.



Bro. John Simenc and Paulie (Fish) Guardino prepare the adult beverages to help wash down the fish bounty.



Bro. Chuck prepares the coleslaw.



## A few words from Worthy Recorder Ray Hendrey



### Visiting Deacon stops by

At the March monthly business meeting we were blessed with the presence of an out-of-state visitor. **Deacon Steve Galdone** is visiting from Michigan where he is also the Grand Knight of his council. He is visiting **Deacon Bob Torigian**. They go way back. Ask Deacon Bob about it some time and he will give you the details.

### Welcome to Bro. Roy Edwards

At the March monthly business meeting we also got to meet a new member, **Brother Roy Edwards**. He made his 1st Degree on February 11, 2012. He and his wife have one child presently enrolled at Annunciation Catholic School, "soon to be two, and eventually three". He was born and raised Catholic right here in Phoenix. He moved to Southern California for about 15 years and then moved back. He is glad to be back and glad to be part of the Knights of Columbus.

### Fish Fry, 2 down, 1 to go

The first Fish Fry of the season was held on March 2nd. It was well attended. The premiere of **Brother Tex's** home-made batter was a big hit. The second Fish Fry was on March 16th. The third and final Fish Fry of this lent will be March 30th. If you

have not tried Tex's batter yet, stop by and try it while you can. If you don't try it, you will kick yourself later for missing out. It is some good stuff.

### Open House April 12th

The Council will be hosting an Open House on April 12th from 6:00 to 7:00pm to help with recruitment. There will be food served. This will be before our monthly Council Business Meeting. If you have not been to a meeting in a while, you should plan on stopping by. You can catch up with your Brothers and help explain to the visiting gentlemen what it is that we do. This would be a great time for you to ask the people that you have been thinking about asking. Just say, come on down, have some food, and see what we do.

### Election of Officers in June

Election of Officers will take place at the June Council Business Meeting (scheduled for June 14th). A committee of at least four members will be announced at the April Meeting to keep track of the nominations for the offices. If you would like to nominate yourself, or another Brother, let the committee members know. If you want to make the nomination before the committee is announced, you may speak with any of the Trustees (**Al Savino, Joe Colosimo, or Jim Gragnano**) or the Grand Knight (**Mark Schouten**).

### Next meeting is Thursday, April 12

When was the last time you attended a business meeting of your council? That long ago!!!! Think back when you took your degrees, not that long ago was it. Why not mark your calendar and make the effort to attend and see what's going on.

**Poker4Life will be on June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

The next **Poker4Life** event is scheduled for **June 1st**. It will begin at 6pm in the Parish Hall. The proceeds raised by this event go to **Rachel's Vineyard**, which is a non-profit organization which describes itself as "a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing." The goal of these games is to raise enough money to pay for one person to attend a weekend retreat. So, come on out, have some fun playing poker and talking with fellow parishioners for a good cause.

**State Convention May 18-19 in Tucson**

The State Convention will be held on May 18th and 19th, down in Tucson. The Council has chosen **GK Mark Schouten** and **DGK Phil Vicinanza** as the delegates to represent our Council at this year's State Convention. Brother **Bill Pokorny** was chosen as #1 Alternate Delegate and Brother **Randall Bowers** was chosen as #2 Alternate Delegate.

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Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in your fruit salad.

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.

**Knight of the Quarter:**

**PGK Jim Gragnano**



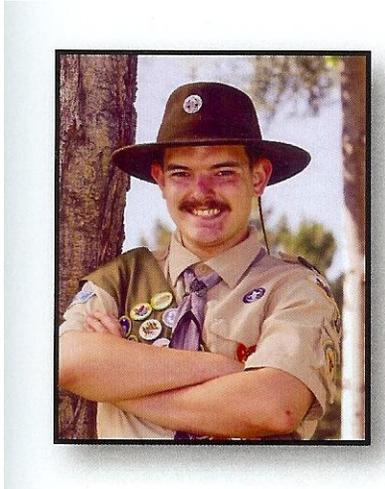
**PGK Jim Gragnano** has been selected the Knight of the Quarter. He is a Past Grand Knight and is presently a Trustee. He is an officer in the 4th Degree Assembly. Bro. **Larry Hansen** said, "Every event since I have been active here, **Jim's** been involved in the planning, executing, setting up, and cleaning up.... he has been an inspiration to me and to a lot of people because of his dedication to this Order." Please congratulate **Jim Gragnano** on receiving this honor the next time that you see him.

Senior Snow Plow in Arizona





## Brother William Hendrey recipient of Young American Award



**Bro. William Hendrey**, a 4th Degree Knight and member of our Council, recently received the Young American Award. On March 16th, **William** was honored at a Friends of Scouting Breakfast at the Ritz Carlton in Phoenix, AZ. **William** and two other Eagle Scouts received the Young American Award. The award is given to young adults, through age 25, who have achieved excellence in the fields of art, athletics, business, community service, educations, government, humanities, literature, music, religion, or science and have been involved in service to their community, state, or country that adds to the quality of life (U.S. Scouting Service Project @ usscouts.org).

**Brother William**, despite being autistic fought through his difficulties to earn Eagle Scout Rank on February 10, 2011 under the BSA policy that allows special needs Scouts to continue to work toward Eagle Scout Rank past their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. **Will's** Eagle Scout Rank Leadership Project was creating a desert garden at Cactus Shadows High School. He's very proud of his work and highly offended if the garden becomes littered. He served as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster at Troop 15.

## Road Cleanup Crew makes Cave Creek Road sparkle



A great quote I heard years ago that changed my life: "While it isn't one of the Ten Commandments not to litter, isn't it just as offensive to God when we mistreat the world that he gave us by littering?"

On Saturday March 24th our St. Gabriel crew was once again out working to keep our little corner of civilization clean. One of the great additions this time is the 8 brand new pickers that the council purchased for this purpose. What a difference!! Thanks to everyone that made that happen!

Please wipe your feet before entering our stretch of Cave Creek Rd from Lone Mountain to Rancho Paloma.

**Joe Rostowsky, Road Boss**

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