

Knights of Columbus

Bishop Arthur Tafoya Council 12020

2023 Fall

Pueblo West, CO

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Ceremonty To Install Officers

On the evening of September 7, 2023 the newly elected officers of the Bishop Arthur Tafoya Council were officially installed in a beautiful ceremony at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. The ceremony was opened with prayer by Father Edmundo.



Installation of officers were as follows:
Grand Knight - Patrick Byrne, Deputy Grand Knight - Lee Roybal, Recorder - Kurt Grogan, Treasurer - Jim Kelly, Warden - Jerry Osterman, Chancellor - Dan Gee, Inside Guard - Mike Trujillo, Outside Guard - Steve Grega, Advocate - Cliff Brown, Lecturer - Michael Garcia, Year One Trustee - Arsenio Vigil, Year Two Trustee - Bob Begel, Year Three Trustee - Joseph Santoro. Appointed to Financial Secretary - Mike Trujillo.

For the Forth Degree Knights the installation of officers were as follows:
Faithful Navigator - Joseph Santoro, Faithful Pilot - Archie Vigil, Faithful Captain - Bob Begel, Faithful Admiral - Jerry Osterman, Faithful Comptroller - Dan Gee, Faithful Purser - Doug Burg, Faithful Scribe - Kurt Grogan, 1st Year Trustee - Jerry Osterman, 2nd Year Trustee - Ron McCulloch, 3rd Year Trustee - Leonard Miles, Outer Sentinel - Chuck Bigley and Faithful Friar is vacant at this time.

We want to offer up our prayers for the newly installed officers and their wives. May the Lord graciously lead and guide them in the work of the Lord and may God's Blessings be upon them and their families.



Special Cards of Thanks

The council has been very generous in giving to various causes and especially to deserving individuals that are seeking the priesthood. Below are two notes of thanks that the council recently recieved from a couple of seminarians.

My dear Brother Knights,
Thank you so much for your prayers and your gift of \$500 to me. It has allowed me to pay for some necessities for my pastoral year assignment this year, and the remainder will be held in savings. I appreciate all that you do, not only for me, but for my brother seminarians and the good people of St. Paul's parish. Rest assured that I am praying for all of you and your intentions!
May God Bless You All,
Jacob Selg
Seminarian, Diocese of Pueblo

August 20, 2023
Dear KCoFC #12020
I received a generous gift that will financially benefit my Seminary Studies and Journey towards decerning the Priesthood. Please Keep me in your Prayers as I start my first year of theology in San Antonio, TX. I will Continue to pray for you and the Diocese of Pueblo.
In Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph,
Gabriel Oquiso,

Clergy Appreciation Dinner

The Knights of Columbus from the Bishop Joseph C. Willging Assembly 90 is hosting a Clergy Appreciation Dinner on November 5th starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Christ the King Church. The church is located 1708 Horseshoe Dr. Cost is \$30.00 per person. Call Jim Duff 719-406-8910 for more information.

Awards and Thank You!

Council Receives Awards



On the September 14th meeting of the Knights of Columbus Council meeting a couple of awards were presented to the council. The first was the Father McGivney award for membership for the 2022 - 2023 calendar year membership drive. Grand Knight Patrick Byrne presented the award to Program and Membership Director Bob Begel. The council was able to receive ten new members during the calendar year.



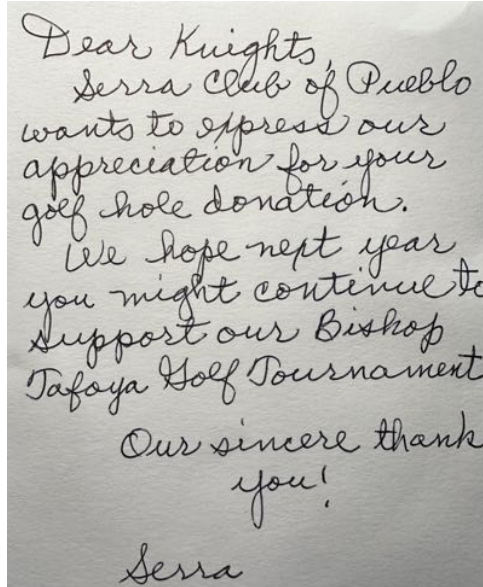
The second award was given to the Grand Knight Patrick Byrne by Branden Nelson the Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefits representative for our council. The award was for having fulfilled the quota for members who participated in the Insurance programs that is offered by the Knights of Columbus.

Pro Life Report

Jerry Osterman reports that more than \$100,000 has been raised for A Caring Pregnancy Center (ACPC) in their annual fund raising efforts this year. The ACPC exists to empower women and families with educational, spiritual, and emotional resources they need to choose life and thrive. The Knights are strong supporters of ACPC.

Serra Club's Card Of Thanks

The Serra Club of Pueblo supports retired priests, deacons and religious orders. The council was able to provide a donation to their fundraiser.

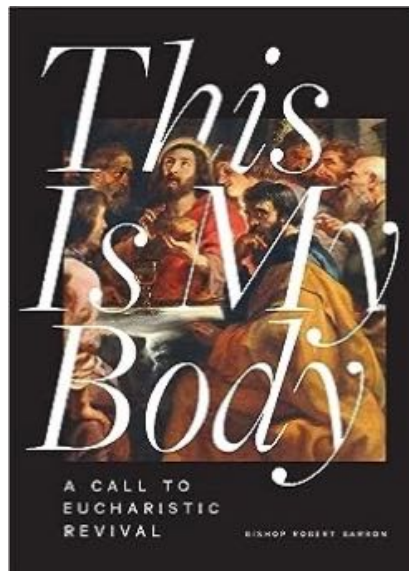


St. Bonaventure

A box will be set up on the north Narthex of the church to collect items that will be going to the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico. Items needed are diapers, baby formula, zip lock bags quart size and items that would be useful.

This Is My Body

This Is My Body - A Call to Eucharistic Revival by Bishop Robert Barron is now available in the front Narthex. It has been recommended that every Knight should read this great book.



Christmas Party

The Knights of Columbus Assembly 2977 is sponsoring this year's church Christmas Party. It will be held at The Sacred Heart Cathedral banquet hall on December 14th starting at 5:00. The Cathedral is located on 414 West 11th Street. The cost is going to be \$25.00 per person and it is a dress up occasion. More information on where to purchase tickets will be announced at mass.

Praying the Rosary

I would like to share a story about prayer and it involves my older brother, Cas. My brother met his wife, Beth while they were both in college. She came from a strong German, Catholic family. After graduation they moved to Oregon to get married and to start working. He was drafted into the Army just shy of his 26th birthday. The Viet Nam war was going strong at the time and he considered going into Officer Candidate School but decided to just go ahead and do his time and he was sent to Viet Nam as an Infantryman.

One hot muggy day his platoon was on patrol and he was riding on the front end of a vehicle when it hit a land mine and he was blown up into the air. As he was being hurled up into the sky his thoughts were, "Oh God, Oh God is this it?" He landed on a narrow piece of mud that was surrounded by sharp metal objects from the explosion. Had he landed anywhere but on the mud he would have been impaled by the metal blown off the vehicle.

His body was covered with shrapnel and he was taken to Saigon. He remembers being in a quonset hut with hundreds of other wounded soldiers. After some time he was sent to Japan for more care and was sent back to the states. He was awarded the Purple Heart and was honorably discharged from the Army.

What he learned when he got back home was that at the exact time that he was being blown up, his wife's family from Germany was saying a rosary on his behalf. When the family got together to pray little did they realize the impact that their rosary would have. I believe that those prayers saved my brother's life.

Prayer can be so powerful.
Michael Garcia

100 Year old KofC member served for over 81 years



A check for \$1,000 was presented to Lou Archuleta by Grand Knight Patrick Byrne and Deputy Grand Knight Lee Roybal and made out to the Parks and Recreation for Food Baskets that will be distributed for Thanksgiving. Another donation will also be provided to the Parks and Recreation for Christmas to help provide food for the unfortunate during the holidays.

Pete Fini



Peter "Pete" Hugo Fini was born of humble beginnings on December 31, 1922 in Toltec, a coal mining town near the town of Walsenburg, Colorado. He was the 4th of 5 children born to Italian immigrant parents, Pietero Fini and Anunziata Lenzini. Pete was a lifelong member of the Knights of Columbus,

joining a year after graduating from his high school in Walsenburg. He served as Grand Knight as well as on numerous committees during his tenure of over 81 years.

Pete also had the opportunity to participate in the Rocky Mountain Honor Flight in 2014, visiting the Washington DC memorials alongside other veterans.

The Knights Honor Guard from Pueblo West participated at his funeral.

Bingo

Bingo is a vital fund raising tool of the Knights of Columbus. Our Council is involved every Friday from 11:00 to 3:00 at the Bingo Casino on 4109 Club Manor Drive, Pueblo, CO. There is a small dedicated group of Knights that have been working hard and they could use some volunteers to help with the selling of tabs and possibly a caller.



Coats for Kids

This program helps to provide coats for young kids who otherwise would not have a warm coat for the winter months.

Our council has supported this endeavor for a lot of years and has provided hundreds of coats for a multitude of kids. They always ensure that the coats being bought are brand new. What a thrill to see kids getting a new coat!

That Man is You

The mission of Cor is to reforcus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to prayer, formation, and fraternity. Prayer: Lifting our minds and hearts to God. Formation: Becoming like Christ. Fraternity: Centering brotherhood on Christ. The council is in the process of implenting Cor for our men on October 28th.

A poster for the COR AD COR event. The text on the poster includes: "COR AD COR", "GOD'S CALL TO MEN IN THE PARISH", "Coffee and pastry followed by video presentation 'Into the Breach'", "Saturday October 28, 2023 10:00 A", "St. Paul the Apostle parish 1132 W. Oro Grande Dr. Pueblo West 81007", "719-647-1500", "Saint Paul the Apostle Church .org", "COORDINATOR BOB BEGEL 904-866-5065", "GRAND KNIGHT DCK PAT BYRNE", "PASTOR FR. EDMUNDO VALERA", "BREAKFAST PASTRIES, FRUIT, COFFEE AND JUICE AVAILABLE BEFORE PRESENTATION".

Family of the Month

Our council has initiated the Family of the Month and the Family of the Year program along with Knight of the Month and Knight of the Year program. Families will be chosen based on their involvement with their parish life. Knights will be chosen based on their involvement with Knight activities. Our first family of the month will be announced on October 22nd. And the Family of the Year will be announced at the annual Church Christmas Party. The Knight of the Month will be announced the month following their selection.

Transformed

Inferno Catholic Men's Conference will be held at the Antler's Hotel, 4 South Cascade, Colorado Springs on Saturday, November 4th. Starting at 7:30 in the morning until 5:00 in the evening. The day will start out with Mass with Bishop Golka and clergy followed by some sessions and a keynote address by Father Riccardo. There will be time for adoration and confession. The afternoon will have breakout sessions with Chris Stefanick and Father Nathan Cromly.