



Knights of Columbus
St Pius X, Council 11623
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January 2023 Newsletter

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Third Degree Monthly Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 11th** in Room 13, Faith Formation Building at St Pius X at 7:00 pm.

KofC Breakfast

Our breakfast is after the Sunday morning Masses on **January 15th**. It our annual Breakfast benefiting Birthright CDA. Please consider helping out by showing up any time after 6:30 am.



Fourth Degree:

Brother Knights,

The Bishop Kelley, Assembly 185 of the 4th is scheduled for **Thursday, January 19th** in Room 13, Faith Formation Building at St Pius X at 7:00 pm.

Faithful Navigator,

Tom Schultz

January Birthdays: We wish these brother Knights a very Happy Birthday. This month's celebrants include: Glen Abbott, Donald Cavanaugh, Scott Hayman, Greg Kemp, Gary Krier, Michael Lovell, Dennis May, Ron Moultrie, Matthew O' Neill, Edward Offerdahl, Ralph Perry, Joshua Pritts, and Dave Son

Knight of the Month of November: Vince Perez

Family of the Month of November: Phil and Kathleen Hostak

Good of the Order: Please pray for all knights and their families who need our prayers, Dick Benzinger, Rob and Jennifer Palus, Graham and Betsy Crutchfield, Ralph Reyes, Greg Kemp, Barbara Smalley, Dennis and Leora Frei, Melanie Coffman, Richard Morse, and Dustin Shafer. **Please send your prayer requests to John Webb at jdmwebb109@gmail.com)**

Recruitment: Brother Dan Yake

Online contact forms are available at <https://info.kofc.org/us.html> . This URL can be made into a shortcut on a smartphone home screen such that it is always readily available. If you fill out such a contact form for a prospective knight, if possible, please enter Dan's email address (dyake@roadrunner.com), otherwise enter your own email address and give him a call at 208-699-1590 so that he can follow up.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/KofC11623/>

Web: <https://www.stpiuscda.org/knights-of-columbus-council-11623>

Grand Knight's Report

Why do I wear a council vest? Over the last few months, I have done lots of travelling. This has allowed me to attend Mass at four parishes away from my home at St. Pius X. While visiting other parishes, I look forward to meeting parishioners from other churches and the welcome I feel when visiting. At every parish, I scan the bulletins to see what the K of C council at that church is up to. For me, my K of C affiliation provides a link to my fraternal brothers at other parishes. I always ask those I meet at these parishes whether they have a K of C Council the response I often get is, "We do have a council, but I'm not a member. They do lots of stuff, but I don't know much beyond that." This response always makes me wonder why the person I'm speaking to is not a knight. It may be as simple as the fact that nobody has asked them. It might also be that they don't know who to ask how they can become a member. None of the councils at any of the parishes I've visited have council vests. My recent experiences enforce my belief that our council vests are a great way to put our best foot forward to men in our parish or men visiting our parish who want more information on our council. The vest is a great icebreaker, a point of contact, to get more men involved with us in service to the parish. If you already have a vest, wear it to Mass, not just to knights in action events. Hang your vest by the door the night before Mass so you can't forget to take it with you to church. If you do not have a vest, consider getting one. The cost of a vest is just \$20.00. Scott Davis is the coordinator for vest sales. Contact Scott to order one. Wearing a council vest to Mass and other things at church lets our fellow parishioners know that we do more than prepare breakfasts. Let's put our best foot forward and let the parish know that we are there, that we are involved in all aspects of the parish, and that we want them to be with us.

Vivat Jesus!

John Thurston

Insurance Report

Happy New Year to all my brothers and their families! I wish you peace, joy, and good health this coming year!

It's that time of year when we make resolutions. Have you made any yet? Maybe the realistic question is, "Have you already broken some of them?"

Here are 10 popular New Year's resolutions from the internet along with some of my own:

1. Get in shape; for some of us this means to lose some weight, exercise more and staying fit; to stop smoking or eat healthier foods.
2. Stop procrastinating; I don't know about you, but I'm going to put this off for yet another year!
3. Improve my prayer life; there's an app for that! The Laudate app claims it is the most downloaded Catholic app. It has an immense library of prayers, devotions, daily readings, podcasts and Vatican documents.
4. Improve on a skill or develop a new hobby; maybe you want to lower your golf handicap or learn to bowl. Go for it!
5. Be more thankful; God has blessed me in so many ways and sometimes I forget to thank Him for all of those things...usually because I'm too busy asking for something else.
6. Spend more time with the people that matter most; sometimes I get so busy working, keeping the house up or going to some meeting, I forget the ones I do these things for. I've got to set aside more time to just be with them.
7. Reduce stress; in this sometimes hectic and seemingly crazy world, it's easy to get swallowed up in the latest tragedy and worry all the time. Cutting out those sources of stress or learning how to deal with them more effectively means a more settled life.
8. Read more; with so much on the internet, TV and radio it's easy for me to get lost in those. Reading for pleasure has become something of a lost art.
9. Spend wisely; it's so easy to spend money on things we really don't need, buy on a whim or because we're keeping up with the Joneses.
10. Review your current financial situation; it's always a good idea to take stock on a yearly basis.

Now this last resolution I can definitely help you keep. My resolution is to contact each of you this year to check in and if appropriate, set up a time to meet. We can update your information and see where you stand. Your financial health is critical to your family's future security. We'll take a look at your goals and aspirations and help make sure you're on track to reach them.

Vivat Jesus!

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Phil and Kathleen Hostak cut wedding cake at reception.



GK John Thurston presents Family and Knight of the Month certificates to Phil Hostak and Vince Perez.