



Knights of Columbus

St Pius X, Council 11623

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



Fourth Degree: The Bishop Kelley, Assembly 185 of the 4th degree will NOT meet in December. We will resume and meet in January.

On Veteran's Day, November 11th, five members of the 4th Degree met at St. Thomas cemetery to place more than 200 American flags on gravesites honoring local veterans. Many of the deceased veterans served in WWI, WWII and even in the Civil War. Sir Knight, Gary Fessler, led the effort as has been customary for the Bishop Kelly Assembly 185 for many years. The Assembly will not have a business meeting in December and will meet again on the third Thursday in January. The 4th Degree is the patriotic degree of the Knights of Columbus. We are the men who have chosen to embrace the Order's fourth principle of patriotism, the men who lead the efforts to reach out to veterans and active military and to embody the fact that one can be a faithful Catholic and also be a faithful citizen.

Vivat Jesus,

Faithful Navigator,

Tom Schultz

Knight of the Month of October: Ben Sturgeon

Family of the Month of October: Vince & Dianna Perez

Good of the Order: Please pray for all knights and their families who need our prayers, especially Rob and Jennifer Palus, Graham and Betsy Crutchfield, Greg Kemp, Barbara Smalley, Dennis and Leora Frei, John Webber, Fr Gabriel Morales, Barbara and John Webb, Gary Mladjan, Theo Schultz, Fr. Ron Potts, David Laird, Ron Carroll, Adam and Celina Cornelius, Christine Brannon, Patrick McMonigle, Kourtaney, Chi Chi.

The repose of the souls of Sue Stillinger and Margie McCuen

Please send your prayer requests to Craig Frei at

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December 2023 Newsletter

Grand Knight, Wayne Hash

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Financial Secretary, Craig Frei

Grand Knight's Report

Brother knights,

Fr. Len's homily last weekend struck a chord with me. His homilies are always good but I thought the message last weekend was particularly applicable to me, personally. I've had some conversations with friends and family lately that were about all the negativity in the world. Let's face it. Just watching the evening news can immediately depress anyone. Fr. Len's message was to have us focus and really appreciate the good things that surround us. I firmly believe all this negativity we are bombarded with pales in comparison to all the good in the world. The problem is we are surrounded with bad news from every direction. All the good stuff is never spoken of. A couple lines in my favorite songs by Luke Bryan goes like this.

I believe if you just go by the

nightly news

Your faith in all mankind

Would be the first thing you lose

I believe this world ain't half as
bad as it looks

I believe most people are good.

I'm really going to try and focus on all
the positives in the world.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas,

Vivat Jesus

Wayne Hash - Grand Knight

December Birthdays: We wish these brother Knights a very Happy Birthday. This month's celebrants include: David Cunnington, Stephen Flerchinger, Charlie Hodge, Warren Holcomb, Jamie Kearns, Laurence Lepinski, Denny McMonigle, John Nolan, Roberto Oseguera, David Reid, Chad Scarola, Tom Schultz, Terrill Semanko, Gerald Vanderzanden, Jonathan Yake.

Recruitment: Brother

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 Phil's email address (planthos1@gmail.com), otherwise enter your own email address and give Phil a call at 206-755-0869 so that he can follow up.

Upcoming events:

December 8 – Christmas social for Knights and spouses.
December 10 – Sit with a Knight at 6:00 pm Mass
December 14 – Decorate St. Pius X church for Christmas
January 14 – Sit with a Knight at 8:00 am Mass
January 21 – Breakfast for Birthright
February 11 – Sit with a Knight at 10:00 am Mass
February 18 – Breakfast for Open Arms pregnancy center



Knights of Columbus council 11623 prepared and served breakfast after the Sunday morning Masses November 19. This event proceeds are given to Fr. Len for vocations.

Thank you to Glen Abbott, Warren Holcomb, Ray Stongle, Phil & Kathleen Hostak, Joe Kestler, Dr. Chris Moon, Pam Murphy, Pete Obligato, Eric Christensen, Scott Hayman, Ben Sturgeon, Michael Buelow, Gary Fessler, Craig Frei, Dennis Edelbrock, Larry Stein, Mark Griswold, John Moffitt, Darryl Cutler, Vince Perez, and Barry Lyons IV for their help making this breakfast a success.



Vince Perez is presented a certificate for Family of the Month from Grand Knight Wayne Hash. Vince and his wife Dianna helped with the Tootsie Roll drive and also at the breakfasts.



Ben Sturgeon is presented a certificate for Knight of the Month from Grand Knight Wayne Hash. Ben helped with the Tootsie Roll drive and with the breakfasts.



Knights of Councils from St Pius X and Rathdrum / Spirit Lake presented checks to TESH. The funds were raised from the annual Tootsie Roll drive. Craig Frei, Glenn Abbott, KC Columbo, Marcee Hartzell (CEO of TESH), Tammy, Wayne Hash, Don Moberg, Blane, Armando Alvarado, Tim and Anna Mae are shown. Tammy, Blane, Tim and Anna Mae are clients of TESH.



Knights of Columbus council 11623 recently held a breakfast to raise funds for the Coeur d'Alene food bank. A check was presented to Darrell Rickard (food bank program manager).



District Deputy Don Moberg presented a "Knights Armor" pen to John Thurston. This "Knights Armor" pen is in recognition for achieving Star Council award for fraternal year 2022 – 2023. Brother Don Moberg creates these pens from Olive wood from the Holy Land.



Turkey Bingo is an annual fundraiser for St Pius X parish. The Knights of Columbus council 11623 prepare and serve the meal for this event. Many hours were spent before the event by Grand Knight Wayne Hash and his wife Michaelle. Twenty-four Knights helped at the Turkey Bingo event. It was enjoyed by all.



Members of St Pius X and St Thomas of Assembly 185 posted flags at St Thomas cemetery and St Pius X columbarium for deceased veterans on November 11. This annual event is for the respect of our veterans that gave their lives.



A Delta church drive was sponsored by St. Pius X council 11623. Here are some Knights that helped with the Delta church drive. This event was held at all of the Masses the weekend of November 4 – 5. Several prospects interested in joining the Knights visited with us.