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# Knights of Columbus

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Fr. Emil Kapaun Council #3744

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# Calendar

EMAIL READERS - Print Out, Save & Share With Your Family!

August 2023					
Tue	1	Council Meeting (at 3744 Hall)7:30 pm			
Fri	4	FIRST FRIDAY			
Sun	6	Council Golf (Westchester Golf Course)11:00 am			
Wed	9	4th Degree Officers Meeting8:00 pm			
Sun	13	FR MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY FEAST DAY			
Tue	15	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Sun	20	Council Picnic (Babe Ruth Field in PDR)12pm - 4:00 pm			
Tue	22	Council Officers Meeting7:30 pm			
Wed	23	4th Degree Regular Meeting8:00 pm			
September 2023					
Fri	1	FIRST FRIDAY			
Sun	3	Council Golf (Westchester Golf Course)11:00 am			
Mon	4	LABOR DAY			
Tue	5	Council Meeting (at 3744 Hall)7:30 pm			
Wed	13	4th Degree Officers Meeting8:00 pm			
Tue	26	Council Officers Meeting7:30 pm			
Wed	27	4th Degree Regular Meeting8:00 pm			
Thu	28	Holding Co. Meeting7:00 pm			

## **Grand Knight's Message**

Last year, I wrote of four goals I had for Council #3744 as incoming Grand Knight. In the interest of accountability, here is how our progress currently stands:

Outreach – We will reach out to all three local parishes and their pastors to offer our services and ensure close cooperation in achieving mutual goals.

• CHECK – Through the help of many we reached out and increased Knights of Columbus presence at each of our three parishes, joining or spearheading more events at each. Meanwhile, we've strengthened our Council's personal relationship with **Fr. Leszek Semik** at St. Anastasia, **Fr. Bill Bolton** at St. Jerome, and **Fr. Matt Wheeler** at Visitation. Fathers Semik & Wheeler, both Brother Knights, transferred into our Council last year!

Exemplification – 3-in-1 exemplifications will be held at our hall beginning this Columbian Year. Online degrees kept our Order afloat, but in-person ceremonies with families attending are a big part of what it means to be a Knight.

• CHECK – Through tireless efforts of many, led by Membership Director **Chris Lopez, PGK**, and numerous recruitment drives, we staged <u>THREE</u> Unified Exemplifications at our Hall last year; initiating 15 new Knights into our Council, and many others into neighboring Councils. We also elevated several more Knights to full 3rd Degree status.

Alliances – We will more closely coordinate with our auxiliary partners, the Ladies of Columbus, to promote mutual growth and organize charitable activities.

• CHECK – For me personally, this is my favorite achievement. We have elevated the stature of our Ladies by better recognizing their many often overlooked contributions. Our humble partners, led by Grand Lady **JoAnne Bisho** and Treasurer **Marlene Migliazzo Kaufman**, now join us for even more events, not just during dinner season. Their input is sought on a greater variety of issues, and is greatly respected. Additionally, we have made recruiting new Ladies a priority.

Reengagement – We will engage members who have been hesitant to join in during the pandemic, requesting they return to fulfil the purpose they embraced by joining Knights.

• INCOMPLETE – I fully admit this has been the one area I have failed to improve upon to a satisfactory degree. While some of the lack of progress is because older Knights remain unwilling to reengage in life as it was prior to COVID, a more intense effort is needed to bring back those who have drifted away; perhaps because they no longer see roles for themselves within the Knights or our Council. (continued Page 3)

# **Grand Knight's Message (continued)**

I therefore ask your assistance in reaching out to Knights from our past who we no longer see at events. Please extend an invitation for them to attend just one of our functions in hopes of reigniting the fire within that initially sparked them to join the Knights of Columbus.

Lastly, I am pleased to announce that 3744 earned the prestigious Star Council Award for Columbian Year 2023; our first such recognition in six years. With your help, let us all try to improve upon these many impressive results during CY 2024. *Vivat Jesus!* ¡Viva Cristo Rey!

- Grand Knight Mike Dorn, reporting

### **2023 Council Awards**

Father Emil Kapaun Council #3744 would like to congratulate the following recipients recently honored at our Council Awards ceremony held on July 11th. Thank you one and all for your incredible dedication to the Knights of Columbus, our Council, and wonderful Catholic Community!

Family of the Year

Jeff & Adela Rogers Family

Rookie of the Year
Leo Avilla

Grand Knight Award

Steve & Marlene Kaufman

Fr. Matthew Wheeler

Exceptional Service Award

Bill Thompson, PGK
Chris Lopez, PGK
Carl Pentis
John Skidmore
Ken Lockwood

<u>Leadership Award</u>
Mike Dorn



# 2023 Council Awards (photos)



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## **Prayer Intercessions**

#### **Brother Knights**

Michael Walsh

Greg Neumann

Thomas Houlihan

Matthew Ceballos

Stan Clark PGK

Anthony Leoni

John Rohe

Paul Hirscher

Msgr. James Forsen

John Trainor

Tino Carbajal

Mervin Hughes PGK

Msgr. Charles Hill

Harold Simpson

Tony Holloway

#### **Family & Friends (continued)**

Lori Caldwell (wife of Bob)

Barbara Clark (wife of Stan)

Deborah Kanatsky (wife of Bill)

Cheryl Wahler (friend of Tom Russell)

Katie Brennan (widow of Lyle)

Lisa Leoni (wife of Tony)

Elizabeth "Betsy" Jones (wife of Michael)

Carly Callinan (daughter of Paul C.)

Joan Rohe (wife of John Rohe)

Cheryl Dorn (daughter of John Rohe)

Christine Herold (daughter of John Rohe)

Robert Rohe (son of John Rohe)

Maryann Bruce (friend of Tom Z)

Jim Kerker (friend of #3744)

Izzie Galanti (daughter of Dan G)

Heidi (friend of Tom Zvanovec)

Mia van der Sluys (mother of Marcel)

John Doerner (brother-in-law of Marcel)

Grand Lady JoAnne Bisho

Victoria Holloway (wife of Tony)

Don Stokx (brother of Ed)

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# **Golf Report**

Our Westchester Knights of Columbus and guests enjoyed a nice turn out for our July tournament at the Westchester Golf course and some good golf was played. Birdies were scored by Tom Hood and Chucky Nelson on hole number 5, and Robert Lutes chose to finish his day in style by birdieing holes 16 and 18.



We play our next tournament at the Westchester Golf Course on Sunday, August 6th, and this will be our annual colorful Caddyshack 5-club event! Players are limited to 5 clubs carried and played, and Caddyshack colorful and loud player garb is encouraged. Our September event, on Sunday September 3rd, will be our annual club championship, so save the date.

First Tee Time will be at the usual 11:00. We request everyone be there and check in at least 15 minutes before their tee times. All KC members and guests are welcome. Hope to see you there!

#### LOW GROSS

Flight A Greg Phelps &

Tom Hood (tie) - 80

Flight B Joe Albrecht - 85

#### LOW NET

Flight A Robert Lutes - 66 Flight B Chuck Nelson - 63

#### **LOW PUTTS**

Flight A Robert Lutes - 30

Flight B Chuck Nelson - 32

#### **LONG DRIVE (Hole #15)**

Flight A Brad Migneault
Flight B Mike Rachford

#### FLAG HOLES (Closest to the Pin)

#1 - Brad Migneault #4 & #16 - Joe Albrecht #12 - Joe Phelps

#14 - Chuck Nelson

#### Next Outing: August 6th, 2023

Westchester Golf Course

First tee time - 11:00am (Arrive and check in by 10:45am)

- Brother Richard Wagner, reporting for the Colorful Caddyshack Westchester Knights of Columbus Golfers

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# Dog Days Do Not Have to Be Do Nothing Days

Welcome to the dog days of summer. But what does that mean? Technically, it is the period between early July and early September when hot sultry summer weather usually occurs in the northern hemisphere. When the constellation Sirius (a star designated *Canis Majoris*, or "greater dog") would appear in the sky just before the sun, near the end of July, it marked the beginning of the very hottest days of the year in ancient Rome. Romans therefore referred to this period as *dies caniculares* or "days of the dog star;" eventually shortened to just "dog days."

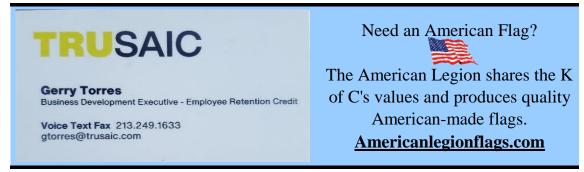
During the dog days of summer our council traditionally slows down, in large part because many Knights and parishioners are away on vacation with their families. Yet that does not mean our Council needs to shut down completely. Following our Council Awards Presentation Dinner held last month, we will be hosting our annual FREE Council Picnic for Knights, Ladies of Columbus, family members, and friends on Sunday August 20th at the Playa del Rey Babe Ruth Field. Here's hoping for a big turnout! It is always fun to get together in a casual environment to talk, laugh, reminisce, and spend time together enjoying summertime food cooked and served by Brother Knights.

Upon leaving the dog days, by popular demand, we will again be collecting shoes, jackets, and sweatshirts for needy military veterans at the Westwood VA in mid-September. Our Council will also solicit no longer needed prescription eyeglasses for distribution to the sight impaired. We plan to host a free financial benefits seminar at our Hall in the fall, led by Insurance Agent **Alfred Lugo**. We will also celebrate our Annual Memorial Mass on November 14th, before commemorating Council #3744's 70th Anniversary of its founding three days later on the November 17th. So as you can see, the dog days of summer are by no means our do nothing days.

- Grand Knight Mike Dorn, reporting

### **Catholic News**

Tune in to EWTN Evening News, weeknights at 6:00 PM on Spectrum Cable, channel 460, for news from a Catholic perspective.



# **A Knight Before Summer Exemplification**

Congratulations new Brother Knights! Welcome to the Council #3744 community!



# **Congratulations Brother Koskovich**



"Thanks to all the Brother Knights at my "first home", Council 3744, who showed me what it takes to be a Knight of the Year!"

No, Sir: thank YOU for being so exemplary for not just one but TWO Councils. Council #3744 is blessed by everything you do. Keep up the great work and congratulations Brother **Dan**Koskovich on winning Council #2117's

Knight of the Year award!





# In Memoriam

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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In Loving Memory of	In Loving Memory of	
John Thompson	Bill Drenick PGK	
& Helen Thompson	& Marie Drenick	
By: Bill Thompson PGK and Family	By: Mary Drenick	
In Loving Memory of	In Loving Memory of	
Joseph Vezzetti	Cressy Lopez	
4th Degree Sir Knight	Founder, Cressy's Lopez Ranch	
By: Chip & Maria (Vezzetti) Mallek	By: Chris Lopez PGK and Family	
In Loving Memory of	In Loving Memory of	
<b>Pat Rotolo</b> A True Brother Knight	Paul E Hood  Past Grand Knight & Charter Member	
By: The Rotolo Family	By: Martha Hood	
In Loving Memory of	In Loving Memory of	
Edwin R & Irene A Zvanovec  A True Brother Knight and	Michele Anne DeMarco	
His Loving Wife	By: Your Brothers & Our Families	
By: Thomas Zvanovec	Bill & John Thompson	
In Loving Memory of		
Tom Ullman PGK	Tribute Available	
The Epitome of a Sir Knight	email knights3744@gmail.com	
By: His Brother Knights		
In Loving Memory of	In Loving Memory of	
Anne Gervais Dorn  An Irish Angel  1964 - 2009  By: Her Husband,	Vincent & Beverly Migliazzo Past Grand Knight / Charter Member and His Better Half	
Brother Knight Mike Dorn	By: Marlene and Steve Kaufman	

# **Rest in Peace**

08/02/70	George James	08/19/17	Vincent William
08/04/98	C Wayne Hindman	08/20/00	Joseph Caruso
08/05/71	Joseph O'Reilly	08/21/75	Richard Carberry
08/07/86	John Hearn	08/21/07	Richard Lensch
08/08/97	Louis Damko +	08/22/13	John Parsons
08/12/13	Rev William Brelsford	08/23/69	William Boyle, Sr
08/15/09	John Dickman	08/26/83	Victor Rivard
08/15/12	Arnulfo Delgado	08/29/98	John Graveline
08/16/85	Bernard Kavanaugh, PGK	08/31/74	Lyle Klatt
08/16/21	Richard Harris	08/31/89	Florentino Couce
08/17/16	John Giesregen	08/31/11	Eugene Skulick
08/19/90	Emil Zirbes		

# **Update And Commemorate!**

Would you like someone added to any of our pages (birthday, spouse's birthday, anniversary, passings, prayers, etc)? Contact knights3744@gmail.com today!

Anniversaries					
08/01/64		Mike & Maureen Jay			
08/02/80		Alan & Terri Engler			
08/04/73	50 Years!	Randall & Mirella Billups			
08/08/87		William & Tamara La Ponza Jr			
08/08/09		Michael & Melanie Thomas			
08/08/92		Clyde & Guandilyn Wikkeling			
08/11/84		Patrick & Connie Hindman			
08/12/93	30 Years!	Michael & Marilyn Campanelli			
08/13/66		Arnold & Juanita Tena			
08/15/80		Ikenna (Ike) & Anne Nwanonenyi			
08/20/88	35 Years!	Lawrence & Fiona Engler			
08/24/85		James & Nancy Taylor			
08/24/02		Bernard & Gloria Valenzuela			
08/25/01		Jeff & Adela Rogers			
08/29/59		William & Audrey La Ponza			

# **August Knight Birthdays**

- 1 Carlo Avogaro
- 1 Emmanuel Obiora
- 1 Xavier Swamikannu
- 2 David Macfoy
- 3 Robert Andreno
- 3 Robert Caldwell
- 3 Barry Ehlers
- 4 Leland Ratleff
- 5 Miguel Padilla
- 7 Jamie DeAngelis
- 9 Joseph De Stefano II
- 13 Michael Collins II
- 15 Phuoc (Van) Nguyen
- 15 Roman Ramos
- 15 Christan Surprenant
- 15 Glenn Wheeler
- 16 Michael Berg
- 19 Gregory Nuno



- 20 Raymond Estrada
- 21 Robert Durr
- 22 Carl Pentis
- 26 Dennis Dwyer
- 26 Thomas Roze
- 26 Santos (Tito) Rojas
- 26 Herbert Sieber
- 27 Gregory Phelps
- 28 Lynn Gernert
- 29 Joseph Berg
- 30 Stanley Clark

# **August Spouse's Birthdays**



- 2 Laura Duhe
- 3 Violeta Sinavsky
- 4 Marie Phelps
- 7 Christina Watkins
- 8 Tina Salvo
- 10 Christy Saez
- 13 Magna Bahm

- 14 Mary Hunter
- 17 Elizabeth Kozlowski
- 17 Mary Wagner
- 21 Laura Lockwood
- 21 Joan Rohe
- 21 Debbie Saenz
- 24 Lisa Flores
- 28 Bridget Agu
- 28 Lana Hughes
- 28 Sharlene Stokx
- 31 Kelly Zimmerman

#### Council #3744 Earns 2022-2023 Star Council Award

Congratulations! Council #3744 has earned the 2022-2023 Star Council Award, recognizing excellence in program activity, membership growth (100% of quota), insurance promotion, fraternal reporting, and Safe Environment compliance. The Supreme Council is pleased to recognize these achievements and acknowledge the hard work of you and your brother knights. Thank you and Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally, John Moulder, Director of Ceremonials and Council Experience

### **Council Picnic**



### **Scam Alert**

BEWARE – Scammers pretending to be local priests and Knights of Columbus officers are attempting to lure victims to purchase gift cards for fake causes via text messages. We will NEVER solicit money from anyone this way. Please do not become a victim.

# **Fraternal Insurance Agent Report**

I was watching television the other day and saw an advertisement with the theme "Shop Local." The ad touted the many benefits of putting your dollars to work with businesses that are owned and operated by those folks who live and work right in your community. In addition to supporting the local neighborhood and community, the ad pointed to the personal service and the unique products one can find locally. Big box stores are great, they are convenient and provide goods at competitive prices. But many products are uniform; you can get the same thing at many other places. Their service is sometimes wanting; I can remember wandering in a big box retailer looking for help. However, when I shop at some of my favorite local spots, I always get a genuine greeting, personal help and the feeling that they really appreciate me being there and supporting them.

All this got me thinking about our local councils. The Order is doing great things in countries far and wide. We have big ideas, big plans...and they are important and have tremendous impact on making our world better. But on a local level you members are the face of the Knights of Columbus. When our local Catholic community thinks of the Knights of Columbus, I'm sure it is you members who come to mind. Our Catholic community sees all the good works you do locally. They see you volunteering to help at parish events, supporting your pastor in his needs. Local folks see you handing out coats for kids, holding fundraisers to help local families, taking the lead at sacramental events, visiting the homebound. For the Catholics in the council and in the parish—you, my Brother Knights...you, are the Knights of Columbus. You represent all that is good in our Order. When you lead with faith, protect your family, serve others and defend your values, you are a witness inspired by our founding principles.

Our Supreme Convention in Orlando, Florida, highlighted many of the accomplishments from the previous fraternal year. I think we can all be justly proud of the difference the Knights of Columbus makes. Thank you for all you do! I want to congratulate you on your contribution to the Order's success and especially for the impact you in this council have had on the local Catholic community! Vivat Jesus!

#### - Fraternal Insurance Agent Alfred Lugo, reporting









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Sun 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

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Sun 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00am, 5:00pm

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Sat 5:00pm

Sun 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am

#### **DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT YOUR ROSARY!**

Remember to carry your rosary at all times. Pray the rosary as often as you can. Remember our deceased Brothers in your prayers.