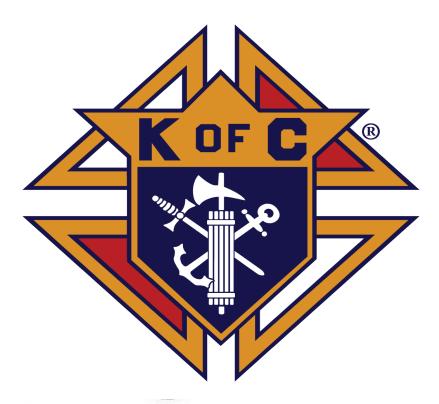
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Calendar

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December 2023						
Fri	1	FIRST FRIDAY				
Sun	3	Council Golf (Westchester Golf Course)11:00 am				
Tue	5	Council Meeting (at 3744 Hall)7:30 pm				
Thu	7	Holding Co Meeting7:00 pm				
Fri	8	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY				
Tue	12	FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE				
Tue	12	3-in-1 Exemplification (at 3744 Hall)7:00 pm				
Sat	16	Holy Innocents Shrine Rosary (at Holy Cross)2:00 pm				
Sun	17	Council #3744 at Westchester Farmers Market9:00am-1:00 pm				
Sun	24	CHRISTMAS EVE				
Mon	25	CHRISTMAS				
Wed	27	4th Degree Meeting8:00 pm				
Sun	31	NEW YEARS EVE				
January 2024						
Mon	Mon 1 NEW YEARS DAY					
Mon	1	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD				
Tue	2	Council Meeting (at 3744 Hall)7:30 pm				
Fri	5	FIRST FRIDAY				
Sun	7	Council Golf (Westchester Golf Course)11:00 am				
Wed	10	4th Degree Officers Meeting8:00 pm				
Tue	16	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY				
Tue	23	Council Officers Meeting7:30 pm				
Wed	24	4th Degree Meeting (at 3744 Hall)8:00 pm				
Thu	25	Holding Co Meeting7:00 pm				

Grand Knight's Message

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas with the arrival of Advent on December 3rd. Boy, did this year go by fast! Thank you to everybody who helped celebrate Council #3744's 70th Anniversary. We did so through three events: a display of Council memorabilia during our November 7th business meeting, and again at our Memorial Mass on November 14th. We wrapped up things with a mass said for the intention of **Fr. Emil Kapaun** at Visitation on November 17th, the actual day of our Council receiving its 1953 charter in Westchester. Special thanks to Worthy Chaplain **Msgr. Jim Forsen** and **Fr. Matt Wheeler** for concelebrating the Memorial Mass, and to Fr. Matt once more for saying the November 17 mass with special tribute to Fr. Kapaun.

After receiving our Star Council plaque (see below) for 2022-23, I invite you all, as Fr. Matt puts it, to devote God's blessings of time, talent, and treasure to assist our fellow men and women during the Christmas season, and beyond. Not all of us has the same amount of time to offer, nor are we as talented in every area as others, or have equal amounts to treasure to provide as almsgiving. We do, however, have varying degrees of each. Let's start by helping our pastors as ushers at mass during Christmas week.



You may also have your own unique way of helping out – so go ahead and volunteer. We must also be as generous as possible in helping, not only the Church, but organizations that do good works, like our Council's three main charitable efforts: St. Margaret's Center, Rancho San Antonio boys town, and Alexandria House. God bless ye merry ladies and gentlemen as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth and the



- Grand Knight Mike Dorn, reporting

Annual Dues Increase Approved

Council #3744 members who attended the November 11th general business meeting approved a dues increase from \$55 to \$65, effective January 1, 2024. A change to Council bylaws was also approved, with new language reading: "Article 1, Sec. 3. Each member shall pay annual dues. The annual dues of members shall be \$65.00, excepting honorary members who shall pay \$10.00, and honorary life members who shall pay nothing. Except as above stated, the dues of associate and insurance members shall be the same."

Pumpkin Carving Potluck 2023

Yet another Halloween has come and gone, but the Knights of Columbus did it up as usual. Many families gathered, at our hall to clean, cut, decorate and display their Halloween pumpkins. Carving took all shapes and sizes, scary and friendly and completed by young and all to everyone's delight. Our Chairman **PGK Mike Rachford** and co-chairman Brother **Blake Mayer**, wife **Jen** and daughter **Hannah** set the tables, allowing everyone a place to do their magic!

And what magic it was as attested by the photos below. Justice cannot be served as photos can't capture the faces when the annual "turning out of the lights" occurred and all the pumpkins came to life! And need I mention about the feast that everyone provided...

This is the best holiday for young and old and it was great that the Knights provide such an atmosphere for it all to happen. To quote a group of first-time attendees "WOW, this is great and look at the happiness your group brings...". To me, this is the reason I joined the Knights, not only for the fraternal part, but for my family's involvement. Thanks to all that came and hope to see even more next year.



- Mike Rachford, PGK - Pumpkin Carving Potluch Chairman, reporting

Rosary for the Holy Innocents

Join members of Council #3744, Fr. Hawe 4th Degree Assembly #45, family and friends for our annual recitation of the Rosary for the Unborn and Holy Innocents at Holy Cross Cemetery, Saturday December 16th beginning at 2 PM. If you attended last year's event, you already know how powerful and inspiring it was. Once again, Sir Knight **Fr. Matthew Wheeler** of Visitation Church in Westchester will be leading the Rosary and providing inspiring words of reflection. It will take place at the Shrine to the Unborn. For directions, ask the security guard at the cemetery entrance on Slauson Avenue and Bristol Parkway, or contact Grand Knight **Mike Dorn**, (310) 490-4820.



Rancho San Antonio K of C Special Fund Drive

Rancho San Antonio is celebrating its 90 year of service to the community. Equally important, **Brother John Crowe** will be celebrating his 90th birthday. To honor both these institutions, a special fundraiser for Rancho San Antonio is being run by the Knights of Columbus LA Chapter with the state wide support.

A donation of at least \$9 from individual Knights is requested by December 16 either by check (mail to RANCHO SAN ANTONIO BOYS HOME, Inc. 21000 Plummer Street, Chatsworth. California 91311) or online (ranchosanantonio.org). Please indicate you are from Council 3744. These funds will be used to help refurbish the dorms. While I realize December is a very busy time with lots of charity solicitations, I urge you to consider this appeal and support this great charity.

For additional information and Bro John's personal appeal, please see the Rancho San Antonio flyer on our Council 3744 web site. Note: The traditional raffle ticket sales will take place in the spring of 2024. Any questions: Contact me at 703-350-7262 or mengler729@sbcglobal.net.

- Mike Engler, PGK - Rancho San Antonio Chairman, reporting

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)

Council #3744 70th Anniversary Shirts

Now is the time to update your closet and get that Knights polo shirt you've always wanted! And what better time to do it than now as we celebrate Council #3744's 70th Anniversary!

Contact Brother **Mike Rachford PGK** at <u>310-614-8077</u> and order yours today!





Golf Report

Our Westchester Knights of Columbus golfers enjoyed another nice day at the Westchester Golf Course on Sunday, November the 5th. Good golf was played with the attack on the par threes particularly notable, with the closest-to-the-pin awards spread among six players. Only a single birdie was scored, and that was the way to finish the day by Randy Billups, with a fine 3 on the par-4 number 18, on the green in 2 shots, then sinking the putt on the dreaded downhill green.

Our next tournament will be on Sunday, December 3rd, at the Westchester Golf Course, with our first tee time at our usual 11:00 AM.

All of our KC members and guests are welcome. Hope to see you there.



LOW GROSS

Flight A Tom Hood - 78 Flight B Mike Engler - 92

LOW NET

Flight A Robert Lutes - 62 Flight B Jimmy Groat - 58

LOW PUTTS

Flight A Tom Hood - 32 Flight B Mike Engler - 31

LONG DRIVE (Hole #15)

Flight A Joe Albrecht
Flight B Mark Brosmer

FLAG HOLES (Closest to the Pin)

#1 & 16 - Brad Migneault #8 - Randy Billups #3 - Mike Engler #12 - Robert Lutes #4 - Joe Albrecht #13 - Bob Degnan

Next Outing: December 3rd, 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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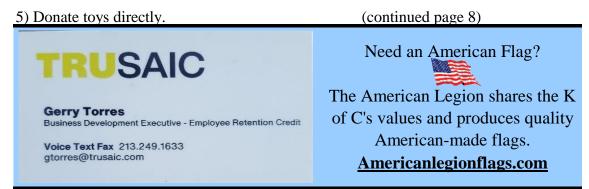
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St Margaret's Center Christmas Party

St. Margaret's Center is returning to an in-person Christmas Program on December 16, 2023 at Lennox Middle School. After three years of a drive-through event, the magical production filled with toy selection, music, entertainment, food, and games is back! Approximately 500 low-income families, with 1,000+ children, will participate in the festivities. While the children are entertained in a room full of games, music, and arts & crafts, parents are selecting 3 or 4 of today's toys for each of their children. The presents are then wrapped by volunteers and discreetly loaded into the parents' cars, without the children knowing. After kids and parents reunite, all share a meal, and as they leave, the children select books and goody bags. The beauty of the event is that the parents give the gifts to their children on Christmas Day. In addition, each family also receives a \$50 grocery gift card for a special Holiday meal.

Many volunteers are required to make this event successful:

- 1) In the past we, as a group, have been doing the clean up after event, between the hours of 4 to 7 PM. This effort involves packing the unused toys into boxes and moving them to the storage area, moving the decorations, unused wrapping paper etc. back to the storage area or St Margaret's center and general clean up. Contact **Chip Mallek** at 310-702-0152 if you like to help.
- 2) Help setting up for the event which requires moving materials from the St Margaret's Center, the storage facility and other locations, sorting toys by age groups etc. Some of these tasks are already in progress. Contact St Margaret's Center for dates and times when help is needed.
- 3) Volunteer to help at the Christmas party as a gift wrapper, the distributing toys etc. Contact St Margaret's Center for times when help is needed. The program hours on Dec 16 are 9AM to 6 PM.
- 4) Donate money for gift cards, toys and other expenses.



St Margaret's Center Christmas Party (continued)

St Margaret's Center has set up links for the required Volunteer registration, monetary and direct toy donations with additional information. Please see the St Margaret Center Christmas Program on our Council Web Site for these links. For other questions contact **Mike Engler** at 703-350-7262.

- Mike Engler, PGK - St Margaret's Center Chairman, reporting

Memorial Mass 2023

An exceptional celebration of service and community was held Tuesday evening November 14th, in our council hall. With great words of encouragement, spiritual music and thoughtful readings we honored our Knights who had gone before us.

Our service presided by Fathers Jim Forsen and Matt Wheeler focused on our Brother Knight Arnold Tena who had died this past year along with other loved ones. The Mass was followed by a wonderful reception. Special thanks to GK Mike Dorn, Brother Paul Condran PGK, and DGK Tony Holloway for all their help during this fraternal rite and commemorative ritual. Finally, a special thanks for our Chancellor Ken Lockwood and his wife Laura whose voices were like the Angels they truly are. All in all, I have no doubt that our dearly departed Knights, Ladies of Columbus and Catholic Daughters were present in spirit with all who attended.

To the families whom we honored that evening, you are always welcome here.



- Mike Rachford, PGK, reporting





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		
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Joseph Vezzetti 4th Degree Sir Knight	Cressy Lopez Founder, Cressy's Lopez Ranch		
By: Chip & Maria (Vezzetti) Mallek	By: Chris Lopez PGK and Family		
In Loving Memory of	In Loving Memory of		
Pat Rotolo A True Brother Knight	Paul E Hood, PGK & Wife Martha Olsen Hood		
By: The Rotolo Family	By: The Hood Family		
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: Thomas Zvanovec	By: Your Brothers & Our Families 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

Remember in your prayers all our departed Brothers, especially all those who have died in the month of December

12/01/02	William Drenick, PGK	12/13/16	Joseph S Toia
12/03/75	Philip Blanchette	12/17/66	Vincent Mc Guckin, PGK
12/03/86	Philip Guindon	12/19/88	Edward Barry, Sr, PGK
12/03/06	Melvin Jirkovsky	12/20/96	Paul Aspel
12/03/20	Sigifredo Aguirre	12/22/01	Albert Michelson
12/05/97	Bruno Bodziak	12/23/54	Francis Freeman
12/05/02	Charles Scira	12/24/67	Robert Ryan
12/06/75	Barney Jagosz	12/25/98	Joseph Herrera
12/06/06	Lester Haug	12/27/93	Eugene Miller
12/07/93	Robert Bolger, Jr	12/27/14	Raul J Mondragon PGK
12/08/06	Francis Kearney	12/29/54	Leonard Lendzion
12/09/79	John Grimm	12/30/86	Leo Kurt
12/10/69	Donald Bailey	12/31/85	William Thompson
12/10/09	John Piry	12/31/05	John Cunningham
12/12/04	Pat Rotolo		

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

Congratulations to all of our Brother Knights and spouses who are celebrating anniversaries this month!

12/01/62		Charles & Cathy Heteniak	
12/09/06		Daren & Diana Vallejos	
12/12/98	25 Years!	Frank & Nkechi Ikejiofor	
12/16/93	30 Years!	Gabriel & Yvonne Faustinos	
12/23/72		Dr Alexander & Violeta Sinavsky	
12/28/98	25 Years!	Emmanuel (Cris) & Benel Liban	

December Knight Birthdays

- 1 Robert Lanzner
- 1 John Skidmore
- 3 Daniel Howie
- 3 Carlos Jaen
- 3 Thomas Mallen
- 4 Dr Jose Saez
- 6 Cesar Ortiz
- 8 Carlos Reyes
- 8 Chris Woodson
- 9 Patrick Callinan
- 10 Charles Kuznia
- 11 Greg Wiacek
- 12 Fr Jim Forsen
- 12 Daniel Galanti
- 12 Brent Smith
- 13 Michel Abou-nassar
- 13 Emmanuel (Cris) Liban
- 14 Peter (Mike) Jay

- 16 Thomas Gasper
- 17 Joe Bernardi
- 19 Edward Abou-nassar
- 21 Michael Engler
- 22 Jim Magdlen
- 22 Salvador Nuno
- 25 Mark Brosmer
- 27 Ukeje Agu
- 28 Rev Innocent Nzewuji
- 29 Serafin (David) Martinez
- 30 Joseph Howie
- 31 Matthew Achilefu
- 31 Bradford Germeroth



December Spouse's Birthdays



- 1 Catherine Heppell
- 2 Irma Corona
- 2 Donna Nesci
- 3 Marie Boeck
- 5 Maria Mallek

- 8 Victoria Holloway
- 8 Elizabeth Omuziligbo
- 13 Maria Alvarez
- 13 Yvonne Faustinos
- 13 Nadine Wright
- 14 Mary Michlovich
- 16 Pat Prochaska
- 18 Lucia Thompson
- 25 Maria Jaen
- 27 Mirella Billups
- 27 Teresa Ratleff

Updated Hall Foyer Display

Special thanks to **Michael Rachford PGK** (pictured here) with the assistance of **Imeloa Lopez PGL** (wife of **Chris Lopez PGK**) for their design and presentation of our namesake Medal of honored Fr. Emil Kapaun Servant of God. This display is in our council hall lobby, just in time for our councils 70th anniversary.



St Jerome Carnival 2023

The Knights were in action at St Jerome's fall carnival, taking place the weekend of November 3-5. Brother **Tony Halloway DGK** chaired the beer and wine garden to a great success!



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	Web: www.masstimes.org			
Sat 5:00pm				
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St Jerome 310-348-8212

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

Visitation 310-216-1145

Sat 5:00pm

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

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Remember to carry your rosary at all times.

Pray the rosary as often as you can.

Remember our deceased Brothers in your prayers.