The Emblem

Gramercy KC Council No. 1817 **November 2026**

Brother Knights and Families,

Thanks to everyone who attended the October meeting.

The meeting this month will be Wednesday, November 11th. The rosary will start at 6:30 PM, meal at 7:00 PM and the meeting will start at 7:30 PM.

October winner of the 50-50 was Brother George Vicknair. The amount was $59.00.

Please pray for our brothers who are sick or in distress, especially Brothers, Mac Veron, Charles "Sonny" Detillier, Patrick "Rosebud" Tramonte, Cullen Ocmand MD, David Richard, Terry McCreary, Kenan Bucheat, Pat Whitney and Keith Bourgeois.

No Sunday dinner in November and December.

We are updating our records. If you have a new phone number or email address please let us know.

There is a Knights of Columbus link on the church web site. Go to www.rivrdcat.org/kc-bulletin.

Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves, for they shall never cease to be amused!

Vivat Jesus

Barry

Barry Weber – Grand Knight



November Birthday Wishes

1st - Don Melancon.
3rd - William "Chook" Guzmam
5th - Paul Forsyth
7th - Larry Bland
7th - Keith Bourgeois
9th - Brent Dicharry
10th - Gordon Jenkins
12th – Wilson Malbrough, Jr.
12th - Benjamin Martin
12th – Carl "Gomer" Dornier
14th – John Caldarera
15th – Jared "Butsy" Martin
16th - George Vicknair
21st - Henry Chmurka
21st - Derek Roddy
23rd - Patrick Hotard
24th - Stephen "Lukey" Louque
28th - Kevin Roussel

Congratulations!

October Knight of the Month
Brother Clifton "Brother" Williamson

October Family of the Month
Brother Brien Louque Family

Insurance Agents Report

Brother Matthew Maurin

Brothers,

Guard what matters most. Life isn't always predictable. The passing of a primary earner can significantly impact household income. Life insurance can help protect your family and the life you've spent years building – no matter what happens. Learn more about our insurance products designed to help you safeguard your family and prepare for the future.

Fraternally,

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MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

(Brother Gordon Jenkins, Director)

Supreme has instituted on line exemplifications. This initiation can take place in the candidate's home on his computer. Through this process the candidate is initiated into the 3rd degree of our order. Any 1st degree member can register, attend the online ceremony and become a 3rd degree member. This process is available 24/7. The link is https: kofc.org/join or https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/fraternal-operations.html?icon-tabs=1 for on demand exemplification to the 2nd & 3rd degree.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

(Brother Brien Louque, Director)

There is a candlelight service every first Monday of the month at St. Michael at 7PM.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



October Sunday Dinner Euchre Champs
Brothers Wendell "Duke" Bourgeois & Brother Williamson

Bingo, Thursdays at 7:00 PM. All help is appreciated!

Bible study group meets at 5:15 AM every Thursday at the KC home. Everyone is welcome.

I have raffle tickets for the Seminary Mission Fund. $5.00 per chance. The drawing will take place at the state convention in May.

We will have a member/spouse/guest night out at Tod's on Saturday November 21 at 6PM.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



Brother Knights at the rosary at the tomb of the unborn

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES Cont

There will not be Sunday dinner in November and December.

We will cook jambalaya for the Veterans Day celebration on November 5th.

The Wall

A little history most people will never know. Interesting Veterans Statistics off the Vietnam Memorial Wall. There are 58,267 names now listed on that polished black wall, including those added in 2010.

The names are arranged in the order in which they were taken from us by date and within each date the names are alphabetized. It is hard to believe it is 70 years since the first casualty. The first known casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon, of North Weymouth, Mass. Listed by the U.S. Department of Defense as having been killed on June 8, 1956. His name is listed on the Wall with that of his son, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, who was killed on Sept. 7, 1965.

There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall. 39,996 on the Wall were just 22 or younger. 8,283 were just 19 years old. The largest age group, 33,103 were 18 years old. 12 soldiers on the Wall were 17 years old. 5 soldiers on the Wall were 16 years old. One soldier, PFC Dan Bullock was 15 years old.

997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam. 1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day in Vietnam. 31 sets of brothers are on the Wall. Thirty-one sets of parents lost two of their sons. 54 soldiers attended Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia. I wonder why so many from one school.

8 Women are on the Wall, Nursing the wounded. 244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War; 153 of them are on the Wall. Beallsville, Ohio with a population of 475 lost 6 of her sons. West Virginia had the highest casualty rate per capita in the nation. There are 711 West Virginians on the Wall.

The Marines of Morenci - They led some of the scrappiest high school football and basketball teams that the little Arizona copper town of Morenci (pop. 5,058) had known and cheered. They enjoyed roaring beer busts. In quieter moments, they rode horses along the Coronado Trail, stalked deer in the Apache National Forest. And in the patriotic camaraderie typical of Morenci's mining families, the nine graduates of Morenci High enlisted as a group in the Marine Corps. Their service began on Independence Day, 1966. Only 3 returned home.

The Buddies of Midvale - LeRoy Tafoya, Jimmy Martinez, Tom Gonzales were all boyhood friends and lived on three consecutive streets in Midvale, Utah on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh avenues. They lived only a few yards apart. They played ball at the adjacent sandlot ball field. And they all went to Vietnam. In a span of 16 dark days in late 1967, all three would be killed. LeRoy was killed on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the fourth anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination. Jimmy died less than 24 hours later, on Thanksgiving Day. Tom was shot dead assaulting the enemy on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. The most casualty deaths for a single day was on January 31, 1968 ~ 245 deaths. The most casualty deaths for a single month was May 1968 - 2,415 casualties were incurred. For most Americans who read this they will only see the numbers that the Vietnam War created. To those of us who survived the war, and to the families of those who did not, we see the faces, we feel the pain that these numbers created. We are, until we too pass away, haunted with these numbers, because they were our friends, fathers, husbands, wives, sons and daughters. There are no noble wars, just noble warriors.

Thank you Brother Knights for your service. Happy Veterans Day.



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Knights of Columbus Gramercy Council 1817

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Don Melancon	2	3 William "Chook" Guzman	4	5 Bible Study 5:15 AM Bingo 7PM Paul Forsyth Veterans Day Celebration	6	7 Keith Bourgeois Larry Bland
8	9 Brent Dicharry	10 Gordon Jenkins	11 KC Meeting 6:30 Rosary 7:00 Meal 7:30 Meeting Veterans Day	12 Benjamin Martin Bible Study 5:15 AM Bingo 7PM Carl "Gomer" Dornier	13 Wislon Malbrough on the 12th	14 John Caldarera
15 Jared "Butsy" Martin	16 George Vicknair	17	18	19 Bible Study 5:15 AM Bingo 7PM	20	21 Derrick Roddy Henry Chmurka Member/Spouse Night Out at Tod's 6PM
22	23 Patrick Hotard	24 Stephen "Lukey" Louque	25	26 Bible Study 5:15 AM Thanksgiving	27	28 Kevin Roussel
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