



# Knights of Columbus

St. Clare of Assisi Council 12851  
Surprise, Arizona  
[www.kofc12851.org](http://www.kofc12851.org)

2011  
December



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A large crowd of Knights and their ladies were on hand at the recent council meeting to hear Surprise Police Chief Michael Frazier and Officer Doug Lynch talk about safety in the home and the community.

**!!!Don't Forget!!!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2011

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 5PM





**MEMBERS WHO NEED PRAYERS:**

Dan Heidel  
John Gannon  
Carter Ryan



**IMPORTANT!!**

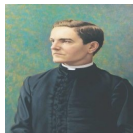
**Church Website Update**

S/K Father Hans Ruygt has announced a new link has been created for the St. Clare's web-site. [www.saintcofa.org](http://www.saintcofa.org)  
Check it out soon and catch up on what's happening at St. Clare's.



**REGISTER TO JOIN THE FATHER MCGIVNEY CANONIZATION GUILD**

The Knights of Columbus has established a Guild to advance the cause for canonization of our founder, Father Michael McGivney. The Guild gathers evidence on Father McGivney's life and character, collects information about favors people have received as the result of Father McGivney's intercession, promotes Father McGivney's cause for canonization, and offers spiritual benefits to its members. To register to join the Guild, **contact the Grand Knight for an enrollment form.** You'll be added to Guild bimonthly newsletter list and kept informed of the progress of Fr. McGivney's cause for canonization.



**!!!!!!DECEMBER MEETING is  
December 15<sup>TH</sup>  
at 7:30pm in the Parish  
Hall!!!!!!**

**TREASURER'S REPORT- December, 2011**

**For the Period Ending 11.17.11**

Bank Balance as of 1020.11	\$3699.74
Total Deposits	\$ 5672.76
Total Expenditures	\$ 5998.58
<b>Balance as of 11.17.11</b>	<b>\$ 3373.92</b>



**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

**My Brother Knights,**



My brother Knights and family's,

Our council has made a lot of strides in the past five months. Our first degree team has put on four degrees in five months, and is doing a good job. We are always seeking new members to our team, and all are welcome.

We were successful with the Christmas card and magnet sales. Not to mention the distribution of How to go to Confession cards and How to pray the Rosary cards, to the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi Parish.

We will be hosting a Living Nativity on December 18th following the five PM Mass. This was originally scheduled for the 7th, The date was changed due to conflicts with scheduling of participants who also will be involved with other things during this Christmas season. We will learn from this and be better prepared next year.

As we enter this Christmas season Mary Ann and I, extend our best wishes to all of you and your families a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Tony and Mary Ann**

**DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT**

**Brothers,**

Congratulations to all the Brothers on achieving the prestigious Columbian award.

Great Job!

**JOHN**



**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT  
FOR DECEMBER 2011**

The annual PID drive was a success once again. With the help of many brother knights, \$2,396.00 was collected. The distribution was as follows:

- \$2,396.00 – Total collected
- (276.00)- Cost of the Tootsie Rolls
- \$2,120.00 - Balance
- \$ (530.00) – 25% of the balance to the State Council to help Councils in poor areas.
- (530.00) – 25% to CITT Child Improvement through Therapy.
- (530.00) – 25% to SARRC – Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center.
- (530.00) – 25% to Sharing Down Syndrome Arizona.
- \$ 0.00 - Balance carried over.



A big thank you to the many volunteers who devoted some of their valuable time to help make our Council do so well.

Also, a very big thank you to our chairman Sal Pinzone and the three captains Tony Barlowski, Joe D'Andrea and Vince Melluse. The organization they provided was very instrumental in making this drive so successful. This years donations were the 4<sup>th</sup> highest in our history.

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*The Officers Meetings are open to members the first Thursday each month at The Catholic Outreach Center, 12301 W. Bell Road, Suite A, Surprise at 7:30 PM.*

**NEW MEMBERS, DEATHS & TRANSFERS FOR THIS NEWSLETTER:**

New Member—Jason Hall



Deceased Members — Tim Leary, Deacon Steve

**DECEMBER –MARCH  
 CALENDAR**

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|----------------------|---|
| <b>Dec Sundays</b>   | Coffee & Donuts   |
| <b>Dec 1</b>         | Officers Meeting  |
| <b>Dec 2</b>         | Rosary Procession   |
| <b>Dec 3</b>         | Christmas Pot Luck Dinner                                   |
| <b>Dec 15</b>        | Business Meeting  |
| <b>Dec 18</b>        | Light the Night for Christ (tree lighting and Live Manager) |
| <b>Jan Sundays</b>   | Coffee & Donuts   |
| <b>Jan 5</b>         | Officers Meeting  |
| <b>Jan 6</b>         | Rosary Procession   |
| <b>Jan TBD</b>       | Basketball Free Throw Contest                               |
| <b>Jan TBD</b>       | Substance Abuse Poster Contest                              |
| <b>Jan 14</b>        | 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Tucson                               |
| <b>Jan 19</b>        | Business Meeting  |
| <b>Jan 22</b>        | March For Life Phoenix                                      |
| <b>Feb Sundays</b>   | Coffee & Donuts   |
| <b>Feb TBD</b>       | Spring Training Concession Stand                            |
| <b>Feb TBD</b>       | Dist. Basketball Free Throw Contests                        |
| <b>Feb 2</b>         | Officers Meeting  |
| <b>Feb 3</b>         | Rosary Procession   |
| <b>Feb 16</b>        | Officers Meeting  |
| <b>Feb 17</b>        | Phoenix Priests Appreciation Dinner                         |
| <b>Feb 19</b>        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Glendale           |
| <b>Feb 20</b>        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Surprise                             |
| <b>Feb 22</b>        | Ash Wednesday   |
| <b>March Sundays</b> | Coffee & Donuts   |
| <b>March TBD</b>     | Substance Abuse Poster Contest                              |
| <b>Mar 1</b>         | Officers Meeting  |
| <b>Mar 2</b>         | Rosary Procession   |
| <b>Mar 4</b>         | Confession Guide Distribution                               |
| <b>Mar 11</b>        | Spring Membership Drive (after each weekend mass)           |
| <b>Mar 15</b>        | Business Meeting  |
| <b>Mar 17</b>        | St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance                              |
| <b>Mar 25</b>        | Basketball Free Throw Competition                           |
| <b>Mar 29</b>        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree                                      |

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER By Deacon Steve**



**May our Chaplain and Spiritual advisor Deacon Steve Rest in Peace! Thank you for your spiritual guidance for our council**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

Fernando Camou and Estevan Wetzel



**Happy Birthday!!**

**Council members who celebrate a Birthday in December**

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|--------|---------------------|
| 1-Dec  | Bob Berra           |
| 3-Dec  | Stan Mucha          |
| 5-Dec  | Mike Evans          |
| 7-Dec  | Dale Hamacher       |
| 8-Dec  | Carl Smolinski      |
| 9-Dec  | Rich Espinoza       |
| 10-Dec | John Gannon         |
| 14-Dec | Reverand Hans Ruygt |
| 16-Dec | Vince McGrath       |
| 18-Dec | Vince Melluse       |
| 19-Dec | Dick Roberts        |
| 22-Dec | Jim Henrich         |
| 24-Dec | Collin Wahlund      |
| 26-Dec | Art Gratton         |
| 30-Dec | John Krawczyk       |





*Council Christmas Potluck December 3,  
2011*

*After the 4:00 p.m. mass in the Church hall.*

*Please see Gene or Jackie Mialki*

*In the hall during Coffee and Donuts after  
the Masses*

*For signup sheet!*



**AUTHOR! AUTHOR!**

Our Council member John Tenuta who with the help of author Gerry Mueller has produced a book titled "The Life of a Barber...The DOs and TABOOs". It is a biography of John's life as a barber. For further information on the book go to [www.barberstory.com](http://www.barberstory.com) or see John at the 9am mass every Sunday.

**Important Dates in December**

Christmas Potluck December 3rd

Light the Night for Christ December 18th

Business Meeting December 15th

Christmas Day December 25th

New Years Eve December 31st



***Good of the Order***

Congratulations to Brothers H. Daniel Froehlich and Robert Bluhm on attaining Honorary Life Membership status.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our brothers and families.

From St. Clare of Assisi Council #12851, Knights bus, Surprise Arizona



We do a **raffle** at all meetings with a guaranteed prize of **\$20**. The rest goes into our **Vocation Fund** to help support our **Seminarian**. I would like to thank all the **Brother Knights and their Wives** for helping out with the **Coffee and Donuts**. The **Parishioners** are really appreciative of this service. Its **purpose** is to build **Community**.

**Council #12851 Officers- 2011->2012**

**Chaplain Father Hans Ruyt - 623-546-3444**

**Grand Knight Tony Barlowski - 623-533-6338**

**Chancellor Sal Pinzone - 623-537-9833**

**Fin Secretary Art Gratton - 623-556-9727**

**Advocate Russ Hill - 623-341-4618**

**Inside Guard Virgil Polston - 623-249-4610**

**3 Year Trustee Gene Mialki - 623-412-0747**

**1 Year Trustee Fred Semper - 928-252-6160**



**Spiritual Dir. Deacon Stephen Martin - 623-975-4232**

**Dep. Grand Knight Jim Siford - 443-340-5485**

**Recorder Joe D'Andrea - 623-444-2037**

**Treasurer Mike Tusay - 623-328-8199**

**Warden Vince McGrath - 623-243-6655**

**Outside Guard Bill Doak - 623-792-7467**

**2 Year Trustee Joe Codute - 623-266-1127**

**Lecturer Glenn Whitman - 623-214-2370**

**District Deputy John Finan - 623-584-3429**