

Knights Respond ASAP

A council in Texas becomes the first to participate in the Order's new effort to support pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes

By Cecelia Hadley

Harry Larkin, grand knight of Santa Rosa de Lima Council 12522 in Andice, Texas, did not waste time after learning about the Order's new ASAP program during an initial webinar conducted by the Supreme Council on July 16.

ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) formally launched July 15 to bolster local Knights' assistance for mothers and children in crisis. For every \$500 that a council donates to a qualifying pregnancy resource center or maternity home — up to \$2,000 in the 2022-23 fraternal year — the Supreme Council will add \$100, a 20% increase.

"When the ASAP program was announced, I said, 'This is fantastic,'" recalled Larkin, a Knight for more than 40 years. He quickly contacted Jo Markham, executive director of Agape Pregnancy Resource Center, to get the tax form he needed to apply for the extra funds. The council has supported Agape for years and had already budgeted a \$1,000 donation to the center.

As a result of that close existing relationship and Larkin's alacrity, Council 12522 became the very first in the Order to submit an application to ASAP — a distinction in keeping with its history of assistance to pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes.

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Minutes of the August Business Meeting

August 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM on August 16, 2022 by Grand Knight (GK) Justin Machovec. There were no guests present at the meeting. The inside guard and trustee two year were excused. Roll call followed our Chaplain leading us in prayer. The Warden led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from July were approved as written.

Grand Knight Report

GK Machovec appointed Brother Ragusano as Lecturer, and Brother Faist as Family Director. All are encouraged to attend a Fourth Degree Exemplification at St. Pats in Placerville on August 25 as Brothers Esola and Schmidt are scheduled to be in attendance. Installation of Officers will be at St Patrick's in Jackson after the 10 AM mass on August 21.

Chaplain's Report

The Chaplain report focused on the three K of C virtues and how each of them are centered in the Eucharist.

Treasurer Report

CD account balance \$1,147.72

Checking account balance \$16,255.36

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August Meeting Minutes**Continued from page 1:****Financial Secretary Report**

Income – \$24 Dinner

1\$ - 50/50 raffle

Bills – no bills presented this month

Communications

No report

Membership Report

No report

Programs Director Report

Every second Sunday the Council sponsors donuts after the 10:00 mass. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up. Installation of officers is scheduled for August 21 at St Pats. Sunday August 21 is a Parish BBQ lunch, volunteers are always welcome. Family fishing day was a success, and this may become an annual event. Wine and cheese will be served following the 5 PM mass on September 3. There will be a training session for new officers. More info in the future. There is a new layout for the website. Check it out! September 6 following the 6PM mass will be the monthly rosary hosted by the K of C council. This time and moving forward, it will be recorded and broadcasted at a later date. September 24 is the Tri Tip dinner. Volunteers and raffle prizes are needed.

Unfinished Business

No bills were presented. It was M/S/A for a \$500 donation to fund food for the Parish BBQ. September 24 is the annual fundraiser walk for St. Vincent De Paul. There was a brief discussion regarding the need to update info and handouts at the K of C bulletin board. RE PRINTED - officers for the 2022-2023 Columbian year are: Grand Knight—Justin Machovec, Deputy Grand Knight—Matthew Waverly, Chancellor—Phil Gonzalez, Warden— Jacob Schmidt, Treasurer—Bob Strazzo, Recorder—David Sanders, Advocate—Mark Koenig, Inside Guard—Mark Watt, Outside Guard—Charlie Esola, Trustee Three year, - ack McGee, Trustee Two year— Joe

Trassare, Trustee One year, - Steve Frias

Advocate Report

No report

Chancellor Report

No report

Insurance Agent Report

No report

District Deputy Report

No report

Vocations Report

No report

Good of the Order

A short video on Dignity of life was shown.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ronald Darr Jr. and Catherine Shannon. Pray also for Linda Koenig, Judy McLeod, Linda Ellsworth, Laura Campoy - Heffernon, Nany Martinelli, Karen Rich, Deacon Ed, and Fr. Relihan.

Lecturer Report

No Report

Chaplain's Summation

The meeting was closed in prayer.

GK Machovec closed the meeting at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted by David Sanders

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The council, which is based in a tiny town north of Austin (official population: 25), financially supports six such organizations: TruCare Pregnancy Center, Heart of Texas Pregnancy Resource Center and the John Paul II Life Center, all in Austin; Agape Pregnancy Resource Center in Round Rock; Highland Lakes Pregnancy Resource Center in Marble Hills; and Annunciation Maternity Home in Georgetown.

A few years ago, the council formed a committee to research PRCs and maternity homes in the area. The Knights visited more than a dozen sites, speaking with staff members about their mission and even meeting with clients. Hearing from women served by these centers was transformative.

“When you get a group of men talking about abortion, it doesn’t really sink in until you talk to people affected by it,” Larkin said. “When we started talking to some of these young ladies, it lit a fire under this council.”

In the last four years, the Knights raised about \$45,000 for the Order’s Ultrasound Initiative. With matching funds from the Supreme Council, they purchased two ultrasound machines, one for Agape and one for the John Paul II Life Center.

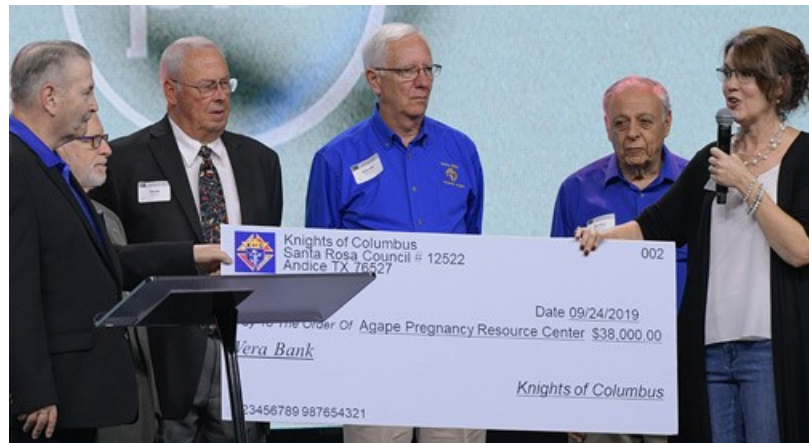
The council raises money with frequent dinners and other events at Santa Rosa de Lima Catholic Church. The parishioners of Santa Rosa are also extremely generous in responding to direct appeals, Larkin noted.

While Council 12522’s application to ASAP is the Order’s first, it will not be the council’s last. And even

after meeting the 2022-2023 ASAP cap of \$2,000, the Knights in Andice will be looking for ways to increase their donations to PRCs and maternity homes in the coming fraternal year.

“Going forward, these PRCs are going to be more and more important,” Larkin said. “There are going to be literally hundreds of people knocking on their doors, saying ‘I need help.’ They are going to need money.”

Learn more about ASAP at kofc.org/asap.



Grand Knight Harry Larkin (left) and other members of Santa Rosa de Lima Council 12522 in Andice, Texas, present a donation to Jo Markham, executive director of Agape Pregnancy Resource Center, in 2019 for the purchase of an ultrasound machine. The council recently made another donation to Agape that was boosted 20% through the new ASAP program.

Dinner Hosts for Next Business Meetings

September 13, 2022—Joe Bertao

October 11, 2022—Joe Trassare



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney
Founder of the Knights of Columbus God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Congratulations to Our New 4th Degree Brothers Charlie and Jacob!



Thursday, August 25 at Saint Patrick's in
Placerville, CA



The Officers of Council 1849

Grand Knight Justin Machovec

Spiritual Advisor Deacon Jaime Garcia

Deputy G.K. Matthew Waverly

Chancellor Phil Gonzalez

Warden Jacob Schmidt

Treasurer Bob Strazzo

Recorder Dave Sanders

Advocate Mark Koenig

Inside Guard Mark Watt

Outside Guard Charlie Esola

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Two Year Joe Trassare

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Message From Your Field Agent

Every September a non-profit organization known as Life Happens coordinates the Life Insurance Awareness Month campaign. This campaign is dedicated to informing people about how important life insurance is to protect their families. Life insurance is a cornerstone of a family's future financial security.

Blessed Michael McGivney certainly knew how important life insurance was to a family. But many members don't understand how involved Fr. McGivney was in developing the Order's insurance program. According to Christopher Kauffman, the author of the centennial history of the Order, Faith and Fraternalism, The History of the Knights of Columbus 1882-1982, one of Fr. McGivney's two main reasons for founding the Order was "the need to protect families during sickness and death." (pg. 17) Kauffman goes on to say that Fr. McGivney "spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature." (pg. 35) Originally, when the Order was founded, there was no such thing as an "associate member." Everyone was insured; that was one of those two primary reasons for joining.

While the Order is now well known for its charitable works and strong advocacy for the most vulnerable, strengthening men in their faith and protecting them and their families with life insurance were twin catalysts in forming the Order. While young Catholic men still seek to strengthen their faith, we know families still need protection from untimely death. This mission remains just as important today.

Vivat Jesus!

-Greg



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Events Calendar 2022—2023

Events Calendar 2022-2023 Officer meetings at Saint Patrick's Hall, first Wednesday at 5:30 PM of every month, starting July 2022 until June 2022 Monthly Business meetings at Saint Katharine Drexel on 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 PM

Installation Mass and Picnic, SKD 10 AM August 21, 2022 (2nd Sunday)

Summer Dinner (Tri-tip), at SKD after 5PM Mass September 24, 2022 (4th Saturday)

Clergy Appreciation Dinner, Sacred Heart Hall 4 PM-9 PM October 7, 2022 (1st Friday)

Tootsie Roll Drive, weekend of October 14, 15, 16, 2022

Mass for Departed Knights, SKD 10 AM November 13, 2022 (2nd Sunday)

Christmas Party, 3 PM – 9 PM, December 9, 2022 (2nd Friday)

Winter Dinner (Fish), SKD Noon to 9 PM February 11, 2023 (2nd Saturday)

Family Potluck, SKD 3 PM – 9 PM March 28, 2023 (4th Tuesday)

Spring Dinner (Ribs), SKD Noon to 9 PM May 13, 2023 (2nd Saturday)

Family Potluck, SKD 3 PM – 9 PM May 23, 2023 (4th Tuesday)

Hospitality Donuts every 2nd Sunday at SKD

Hospitality Wine and Cheese every 1st weekend Vigil Mass at SKD

Rosary before 10 AM Mass, SKD every 5th Sunday of months with 5 Sunday

KVGC Rosary First Tuesday of each month after the 6:30 PM Mass at SKD – St. Maximillian Kolbe Rm

September Calendar of Events

Saturday, September 3: Wine and Cheese Hospitality at Saint Katharine Drexel at 6:00 PM (After the 5 PM Mass)

Tuesday, September 6: Knights Council 1849 KVGC Rosary at Saint Katharine Drexel in the Saint Maximillian Kolbe Room at 6:30 PM (After the 6:00 PM Mass)

Wednesday, September 7: Officer Meeting at Saint Patrick's Hall at 6:00 PM

Tuesday, August 13: Business Meeting at Saint Katharine Drexel at 6 :30 PM (Dinner at 5:30 PM at SKD)

Saturday, August 24: Summer Tri-tip Dinner at Saint Katharine Drexel at 6:00 PM (After the 5 PM Mass)

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