

## **MAY NEWSLETTER**

## **MAY CALENDAR**

**May 1 Council Business Meeting St Thomas More 7 PM**

**May 6 Golf tournament**

**May 7 Rosary Planned Parenthood**

**Operation Wheel Chair Veteran's Home**

**St James Spring Pancake Breakfast and Car Wash**

**May 12 and 13 St James Spring Rummage Sale**

**May 13 Adopt a Street**

**May 13/14 Baby Bottle Drive to support First Way Pregnancy Center St James**

**Parish Hand out bottles**

**May 16 Council Officer's meeting St James Parish 6:30 PM**

**May 24 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Business Meeting 7 PM**

**May 27 Market on the Move St James parish 7 AM to 10 AM**

**May 27 to 29 Assistance St Joseph's Youth Camp Set up for season**

## **Cardinal Stadium Project**

**April 3 was the last event for this year's Cardinal Stadium project as we worked the championship game for the NCAA basketball tournament. This season we worked 21 events ranging from Cardinal football games, college football games, professional soccer games, concerts and special events. This was the most number of events we have ever worked in one season. We earned about \$20,000 which more than covered all of our expenses and contributions for the year. SK Butch Kohs did a fantastic job coordinating the work with the help of a**

corps of volunteers. While it is wonderful to celebrate the success of our key fundraising project, it is also time to get ready for the next cycle. In that light, we need to get more volunteers trained. Training involves a one-time training by the contractor ROJO on the program and food handler training. All volunteers must complete both training programs before they can work the project. The basic contractor training is only required one time after which the Cardinal organization issues an annual ID used to get into the event. The food handler training is offered on line by Maricopa County and requires periodic follow up training. In addition, head cashiers need vendor training. A head cashier is required for each stand at each event. Since we generally work two stands (the Pizza and Beer) each event and our total staffing usually runs to 7 volunteers that means roughly ¼ of our people need to be trained as head cashiers. Typically, each event will take 6 to 8 hours of your time. Free off-site parking is provided with bus shuttle service and the vendor provides a hotdog and drink for volunteers at the event. We don't know how many events will be scheduled this next season, but if this last year is any indication it will be another challenging time and we will need more volunteers.

Since food handler training is now available on line , the only critical timing will be to get the initial vendor training done before the season starts. Last year that was in August. Training usually starts in June or July. We will publish more information on that when the cardinal organization sends us the info.

### **St Joseph's Youth Camp Set Up**

The Memorial Day Weekend is scheduled as the time to open up St. Joseph's Youth Camp. Volunteers are needed to go up to the camp and set it up. Set up includes opening the facility, setting up, painting and minor repairs to get it ready for the campers. You can bring your family to help and cabins will be available for you and your family as well as meals. Contact Tyson Gentz if you can go up and help and he will coordinate registering and give you directions and contact information.

## **Fatima Jubilee**

**May 13 is the 100 anniversary of the apparition of our Blessed Mother to the three children at Fatima. Pope Francis will be attending the Jubilee celebration. It is expected that over one million people will attend. While this is not a Knights of Columbus sponsored event, I am noting it here, as Our Blessed Mother told us we all need to pray the rosary daily for the salvation of sinners.**

## **PSA DINNER**

**The annual Public Service Appreciation Dinner was held on April 22 at St Helens Parish. The dinner honored Police and Fire people from the cities of Glendale, Peoria and Luke Air Force base for their service to our communities. A \$1000 check was presented to the 100 CLUB which provides assistance to fallen officers.**

## **ELECTIONS**

**We are coming to the end of our council calendar year and need to develop a new slate of officers for the next year which starts July 1, 2017. We will be accepting nominations for new officers at our May business meeting and elections will be held at our June business meeting. All members are encouraged to consider running for office. Volunteer organizations such as ours rely on a constant turnover of new officers to keep a good flow of new ideas and energy and to keep current officers from getting burned out.**

## **ST JAMES EVENTS**

**Upcoming are two events held by St James Parish that need Knight support via volunteers. The first is on May 7 which is the spring pancake breakfast and the second is the Spring Rummage Sale which is the weekend of May 12 and 13. Grand Knight will coordinate volunteers.**

#### **ST THOMAS BLOOD DRIVE.**

**The April blood drive was a success with 42 donors giving blood. The next drive will be on July 2 and we will need help manning a sign up table the weekend before.**

#### **ST JAMES BABY BOTTLE DRIVE**

**On May 14 we will be handing out bottles for the Baby Bottle Drive. We will be collecting them 3 weeks later. Last year we collected @\$4000 for the First Way Pregnancy Center. We will need volunteers to hand out bottles and then to collect them.**

#### **4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE CEREMONY**

**The next 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification ceremony will be held in Phoenix at the Sheraton Crescent on June 10th. All 3<sup>rd</sup> degree knights are encouraged to move up to the 4<sup>th</sup> degree. SK Butch Kohs will have application packages available at the May Council Business meeting.**

#### **ST JAMES FISH FRY**

**The Lenten Fish Fry Program was success. A check for \$5364 was presented to the parish. In addition the program purchased a new French Fryer and over \$200 in checks to the parish were passed on. Good work all you volunteers!**