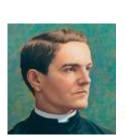
# **Knights of Columbus**

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Special addition to the newsletter starting at page 3: <u>DUTIES OF COUNCIL OFFICERS</u>
Since a more informed member will most likely prove to be a more active and involved member, every new Knight should be introduced to council officers and Service Program directors as soon after his First Degree as possible, and a brief description of the office or position should be made at this time. To be a council officer, a Knight must be a Third Degree member of the Order.

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What a first weekend of Crawfish Festival. Hot the first day, windy the last. But we all got through it. Thanks to all who were able to make it out and volunteer for our most important fundraiser of the year. One more weekend of outdoor charitable fundraising for spring and then a long break till fall.

If you haven't had a chance to sign up yet for the second Crawfish Festival weekend of May (2, 3, & 4) please do so. We will be asking all of our able-bodied Brothers to please sign up for a shift (or all shifts as some do) or if unable to do a full shift to sign up for a half day shift. We always welcome help even if only for a half day. Many hands make light work!

Also thanks go out to our Volunteers for a successful fish fry season during Lent at St. James the Apostle Parish. I should mention another ongoing activity that goes on monthly rain or shine. That is the bingo where so much happiness is brought to those at the Convalescent Center. Thanks to all who participate in these programs.

Congratulations go out to our three new Brothers who received the First Degree of Charity at our Brother Council St. Edwards on Monday, April 21, 2014. They are Brothers Cecilio Obregon, Joseph Perugini, and John McCarthy.

Also congratulations to our Brothers who transferred into our Council at our April Business Meeting. They are Brothers David Ybarra and Eric Sulley.

Welcome to all of our new Council Brothers, we hope to see you at our Council Charitable and Family Events.

There will be a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Ceremony May 10<sup>th</sup> at St.Mary Magdalene Parish in Humble, TX. For those interested in joining the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus please see Brother Rich Eimer to fill in the Form 4 and to receive further information.

The following weekend on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> our Brother Council 6456 in Conroe will be hosting a Major Degree (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> degree). For all our new Brothers and those who haven't made their Major Degree this is a wonderful opportunity to come to Full Knighthood. There is no charge as all costs were prepaid when you joined the Council. Making your 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree also entitles you to run for office in our Council. For anyone interested, please see you Grand Knight or Financial Secretary for more information.

It's not too early to consider running for an Officer position in our Council. Elections are open to 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree members and will be held at our Business Meeting on June 12. See a trustee if interested in running for an officer position.

An Orientation will be scheduled on the first Wednesday of May for anyone who has a candidate interested in learning about the Knights of Columbus. For our new Knights, a new member will count toward the Shining Armor Award. Please advise our Membership Director Rich Eimer if you have a candidate at cocoabean77@comcast.net.

Don't forget the Saturday Rosaries at the local Planned Parenthood at Louetta & Kuykendahl. It begins at 9:30 a.m. Come on out and pray with us for the unborn. I am hoping to start attending again soon.

Help spread the word about our Brotherhood. Wear your Knight's shirt or name tag when attending Parish functions. Our future Brothers are waiting for your invitation, it starts with your hello. Sometimes we also have to say goodbye to a wonderful member also. Brother Sir Knight Rick Pimentel just moved to New Hampshire. God Speed Brother Rick! Hope to hear from you soon.

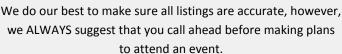
Vivat Jesus!

Jim Ledwig



# **Events Schedule**

All events are subject to change..





May 1 Home Association/Council Of-

May 10 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Ceremony

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May 13 Chapter Meeting

May 27 4th Degree Meeting

May 2 Crawfish Festival,3 last,4 week-

May 17 Major Degree Conroe

May 31 Coushatta Trip

May 7 Orientation

May 20 Bingo

Jun 5 Home Assoc./ Council Officer

Meeting

May 8 Business Meeting

May 22 Family Night

Jun 10 Chapter Meeting

Jun 12 Business Meeting

#### **GRAND KNIGHT**

The grand knight is responsible for the overall welfare of the council. Elected annually by the council membership, the grand knight must provide thoughtful and inspired leadership to the council officers, the Service Program directors, chairmen and members of the council.

More specifically, his duties include: presiding over council meetings; acting as an ex officio member of all committees; appointing the membership and program directors and working with them on the selection of Service Program activities chairmen and membership recruitment teams and retention chairmen; convening officers for a monthly meeting; appointing special committees not mandated by the laws of the council; overseeing the proper exemplification of the First Degree; and, finally, making sure that all reports and reporting forms required by the state or Supreme Council offices are submitted on time. The grand knight also interacts with the financial secretary and treasurer to ensure the council is meeting its financial obligations to the Supreme and state councils, and others. The grand knight countersigns all orders drawn and signed by the financial secretary and all checks drawn and signed by the treasurer. He also reads the vouchers from the financial secretary of moneys paid to the treasurer and from the treasurer of moneys deposited in the bank. By these procedures, the grand knight monitors the performance of the financial secretary and treasurer, working with them to help the council meet its financial obligations. The grand knight is a member of the Advisory Board charged with general supervision of a Columbian Squires circle sponsored by his council. Finally, the grand knight, together with the deputy grand knight and trustees, is responsible for recommending a chaplain to the ordinary of the diocese for his appointment. He also appoints a lecturer.

#### **DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT**

The deputy grand knight is the second in command in the local council. He is also elected annually, assists the grand knight in the operation of council affairs and is responsible for any duties assigned to him by the grand knight. In the absence of the grand knight, the deputy grand knight presides at council meetings and functions as the grand knight would. The deputy grand knight is a member of the Advisory Board charged with general supervision of a Columbian Squires circle sponsored by his council. It is suggested that the deputy grand knight and the board of trustees serve on the council's retention committee.

#### **CHANCELLOR**

The chancellor is elected annually to serve the council in a variety of ways. Primarily, he assists the grand knight and deputy grand knight in the execution of their duties and takes charge of the council during the incapacity or extended absence of both.

With the cooperation and support of the grand knight, the chancellor has the important duty of strengthening the members' interest in council activities. It is recommended that the chancellor serve as the chairman of the council's Admission Committee. The chancellor is also a member of the council's Columbian Squires circle ceremonial team.

# RECORDER

The recorder is responsible for keeping a true record of all the actions of the council and maintains all correspondence of the council. He should use the "Recorder's Minute Book" to record the minutes of all council meetings.

# **FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

The financial secretary's important role is underscored by the fact that he is not elected by the membership but, his appointment – upon the recommendation of the grand knight and trustees – is approved by the supreme knight for a period of three years. His work has a direct effect on council members, his fellow officers, the state council and the Supreme Council.

Basically, the financial secretary's duties revolve around two key areas of council activities: financial records and membership records. The financial secretary collects and receives all moneys that come into the council from any source. He then turns that money over to the treasurer for deposit in the council account. One main function of the financial secretary is to collect money, in the form of dues, from members. He sends out billing notices before the start of the billing period and initiates retention measures to prevent members from being suspended for nonpayment of dues. The compilation of membership records is another of the financial secretary's important roles. He must ensure that new members sign the constitutional roll of membership at the time of their First Degree. The financial secretary also applies to the Supreme Council office for honorary and honorary life membership cards for qualified members. Besides these two major responsibilities, the financial secretary has several others. They include: handling supply orders for members with the Supreme Council Supply Department; filing the "Report of Officers" with the Supreme Council office; and reporting all membership/insurance transactions to the Supreme Council office in a timely and correct manner. The Supreme Council also makes available personal computer software and associated reports and supplies to assist financial secretaries to automate record keeping/billing tasks. Information on hardware requirements and ordering information for the software and supplies may be obtained by contacting the Supply Department or the Department of Membership Records.

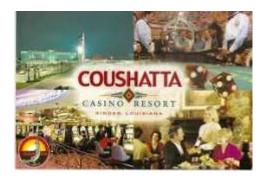


Members in good standing can submit a personal ad in Fleet News classified page. Items for sale should only be for personal i.e. garage sale type items. Cut off

date is 5 days before the last day of the month for the next news letter. Ad's will be published for only one news letter then deleted. You can renew your ad by submitting another on this web page. https://sites.google.com/site/council6557. Also whether it's improving existing features of Fleet News or developing council ideas, we are always looking for ways to enhance your experience. Click on the link and send us your ad, or your comments/feedback or suggestions. We look forward to hearing from you! You can call Herb Sommer 281 3676653.

No classified ad's for the month. No suggestion's or feedback received.

Join us for an exciting bus trip to Coushatta from our hall on Saturday, May 31, 2014. See below to reserve your seat.



Where: Leave from the Hall at 8:00 AM and return around 9:00 PM Cost: \$15.00 per person, includes bus trip to Coushatta, breakfast at the Hallstarting at 7:00 AM, 6/8 door prizes during the trip, several bingo games during the trip with cash prizes and other entertainment to make the trip go faster! Space is limited to how many we can get on the bus but we need at least 40 people with proper ID (over 21) on the bus in order to go.

To sign up or for any questions please contact Ed Varosky by email evarosky@sbcglobal.net or phone - 281-475-6363. Early payment will be greatly appreciated since we need to send a deposit for the bus and purchase the other items for the trip.



KNIGHT Brother Bob Castro is this month's Knight of the Month. Bob is a member of St. James the Apostle Parish. Bob is also the Deputy Grand Knight of our Council and keeps up the Charity Record Keeping chore for Supreme. Bob also helps out at all the Council Fundraisers and is always willing to lend a helping hand wherever needed; especially when I need a special

form made or a bug fixed on the office computer. Brother Bob, you are a valued member of the Council. Keep up the good work!



Brother Don Fisher and his wife Karen are this Month's Family of the Month. Don and Karen are members of Sts. Simon & Jude Parish and are active with both our Council and with the Church. Both Don and Karen helped out with the Lenten Fish Fry at St. James the Apostle Parish and are always lending a hand at our Council Charity Fundraisers. Recently, Don & Karen brought in the guest speaker for our Family Night. Don & Karen, we appreciate your involve-

ment in the Council and at Council Charity events.



# **KoC6557 Recruiting Award Presented 4-10-14**

Council 14512 made Bill Moeller the honoree at its March 2014 1st Degree ceremony which brought in 6 new brother knights. Joel Morales, our newest brother knight in our council was one of the 6 new Knights. Evidently, the council appreciated Bill'sKoC6557 guidance over the 3 years that I supported them as district deputy. It was not so much for recruiting, just general support and providing critique of its council degree team when the team practiced prior to achieving certification.



Frank Doyle our great Men's Club secretary and a potential Knight, saw a news clip on Megan Kelly's Fox News show. It shows new insight into today's Irish Culture. However not every/any priest that I know could follow Fr. Ray Kelly's unique gift to a newly married couple. Suspect it happened near the end of the Mass. Am sure Pope Francis would agree. Sure brings church and family together.

You can Google "Fr. Ray Kelly Irish wedding": Also if you download this PDF file to your computer. Open it again and click with your mouse on the picture it will take you to the YouTube site.

Note, you must read the text, as well as listening to the audio.

May God Bless the Irish and their Priests



Picture left is of the Knights of Columbus Cycling Team which rode the MS150 Bike Ride from Houston to Austin, finishing at the capital. Prior to the start of the ride, pictured are (from Left to Right) John McDonough, Kevin McDonough, Dave Austin, and Bill Moeller.



In the 2<sup>nd</sup> picture to the left, Bill Moeller stands in front of the new Viet Nam Veterans Memorial at the state capital in Austin. The Viet Nam Veterans Memorial was dedicated about a month ago. It memorializes the 3417 Texans who lost their lives to bring freedom to others as well as the TX Vets who served with courage and dignity.



# We Believe In The Power Of Prayer

#### New Additions are in Bold for all categories.

All ongoing Prayer requests are on the bottom.

Illnesses are usually left on this list for a period of 30 - 45 days.

For updating, please contact

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Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to You in this time of illness and need. Oh dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate the worry and sorrow with your gentle love and grant us the peace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place those on our prayer list under your care and humbly ask that You restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever You do, You do for the love of us.

# We pray for our Brothers and family members that are ill or in distress:

Lilyota Brungardt, sister of SK Jerry Leiker (Mar 13) surgery Alex Cheyney (Apr 17) knee replacement surgery

Patrice Curtin, sister in law of Mike Curtin (Mar13) illness, ICU SK Jack Elliott (Mar 31) hip replacement surgery

Hannah Henry, granddaughter of Mary Jo Henry (Mar 10) ICU surgery recovery

Mary Lifrieri, mother in law Bill Haughton (Mar 22) hospice care

Susan Nash, wife of Dick, (Apr 8) broken ankle

# David Novotny (Apr 24) kidney transplant Tim O'Donohue, brother of Terry (Apr 10) hip replacement

Theresa Ozag, mother of Andy Ozag (Apr 8) chest pains Carl Wrobel, (Mar 28) healing for his legs

Our Country and Religious Liberty

#### **Ongoing Prayer Requests**

Pope Francis

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Our Cardinals and our Church

Our Bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and seminarians Mike Aaron proposed by Danny Spurlock

Teresa Bratcher, daughter of SK Robby Westbrook (cancer) Brian Berger, proposed by GK Jim Ledwig (Crohns Disease)

Kathy Binkle (Cancer) and Bob Binkle (Brain tumor)

Dick Brayer (ankle surgery recovery)

Jack Chapman (cancer) proposed by Larry Hawkins

SK Rudy Charest (Health)

SK Stan Cillesson (cancer)

Diane Curtin (Cancer), proposed by Mike Curtin

Henry Dishberger (cancer)

Jo Dolengowski (Cancer)

Helen Foltyn, mother of David, health

Brent Fry (Brain cancer), nephew of Bill and Bridget Moeller Emzy Garrett (failing health), father of Reverend Pat Garrett Thomas Gleason (leukemia) father of SK Mike Gleason Linda Gonzalez. (lung cancer), wife of SK Rudy Gonzalez, Council 14512

Dennis Hruby (ALS)

Becky Jeffries (Diabetes), proposed by SK Jerry Leiker Jeremy Jimenez (Muscular Dystrophy), proposed by SK John Tatman

Dave Johnston (cancer)

Michelle Koenig (cancer)

Pauline Kubecka (Stroke), proposed by SK David Polasek

Tom Kurland (Health)

Paul Ledwig (Cancer)

SK Jerry and Jenni Leiker (Health)

Helen Van Keulen (Stage 4 Breast Cancer) wife of Field Agent Daryl

Beryl Lucia (ALS) proposed by SK Dennis Pomonis Susan Marong (Cancer) proposed by Steve Kane

Robert McDermott

Rose Merrill (Alzheimers), sister of SK Rudy Charest Ben Miele (liver and nasal cancer), proposed by Pat Testa Paul Moarman (heart problems), proposed by Henry Brownfield

Elsey Mudackalil (stroke), sister of Father Mathew Thottiyil Hannah Navarro, grand-niece of Deacon John Charnisky, rhabdomyosarcoma cancer

Kathy Pace (Healing from Cancer)

Karen Potter brain tumor surgery recovery

Margaret Romeo (Health)

Maria Jose Romero (Leukemia), proposed by Terry O'Donohue Henrietta Siragusa (Health)

## Paula Slattery, sister of Ina Brayer, ALS

Tony Trahan (Blood Cancer)

Dean Welter (bladder cancer) proposed by Chad Uselman, brother in law

Our Men and Women serving in the Mili-

tar

We also remember our Brother Knights and Family Members that have died:

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed; through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace in company with Christ and may they rejoice in your Kingdom. AMEN

#### **Brother Knights:**

Robert Koelle (Mar 19)

John Francis Smith (Apr 28) Kingwood Knights of Columbus SK Lou Ward (Apr 8)

Family / Friends

Antoinette (Toni) Cali (Apr 27)

Eunice Peppenelli, mother in law SK Harold Schambach (Mar 28) Jerry Rimoldi, brother of Phil (Mar 4)

#### **TREASURER**

The treasurer is the elected official in charge of handling all council funds. He receives money from the financial secretary and issues a receipt for such. He is also responsible for depositing all money in the proper council accounts and providing a voucher or certificate of deposit to the grand knight for each transaction.

The treasurer is also responsible for issuing payments to the Supreme Council on all assessments made by it to the council and for all orders of the council. Finally, the treasurer is responsible for keeping accurate accounts of the monies in the general expense fund of the council and the amount of money in any special funds established by the council. He must be able to provide up to-date records on these accounts to the grand knight, financial secretary or board of trustees.

#### **LECTURER**

The lecturer is appointed by the grand knight to provide suitable educational and entertaining programs under the "Good of the Order" section of the council meeting. The "Good of the Order" may include such items as speakers, presentations on special topics, etc. The lecturer is responsible for presenting the "Good of the Order" section at council meetings. The lecturer must be knowledgeable of all aspects of council programming in order to provide members with informative and entertaining programs. If the meetings have been conducted in accordance with the ceremonials and the agenda, there will be ample time at each meeting for the lecturer to present a worthwhile program that will help build meeting attendance and provide benefits to the membership that is present.

#### **ADVOCATE**

The advocate is the parliamentarian for the council. He need not be a member of the legal profession; however, he should be thoroughly familiar with all of the laws of the Order as stated in the "Charter, Constitution and Laws" and with the council by-laws. When a by-law is to be revised, the advocate serves as chairman of the revision committee.

The advocate should also have a working knowledge of "Robert's Rules of Order," and the Supreme Council flyer, "Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting". An understanding of both of these will help keep meetings on track. When needed, the advocate shall seek legal assistance from the state advocate. In matters of trail of council members, the advocate shall prosecute the charges on behalf of the council.

#### WARDEN

The warden is responsible for supervising and maintaining all council property, except that which belongs to the financial secretary. He sets up the council chambers for meetings and degrees and appoints and supervises guards for ceremonial exemplifications. The warden should also oversee the inside and outside guards and make sure they are fulfilling the duties assigned to them. INSIDE and OUTSIDE GUARDS

The guards attend the doors of the council chamber, checking on current membership cards before allowing entrance.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The board of trustees consists of the grand knight and three members elected by the council. Trustees supervise all financial business of the council. They serve as auditors for the semiannual audits and oversee the work of the financial secretary and treasurer. The grand knight is the chairman of the board. It is suggested that the board of trustees and the deputy grand knight serve on the council's retention committee.

Trustees are elected for terms of three years, two years and one year. At each regular election, the position of each trustee will be voted upon, and the current three and two year trustees move on to become two and one year trustees, respectively.

# A birthday card for you

For those Brother Knights, who are having a birthday this month, we pray for your happiness, of course, but also for a greater sense of council fulfillment, an ease of communication with those you love, and a sense of satisfaction in all that you have accomplished. Above all, may you rest secure in the knowledge of God's constant love and care for you, personally.

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Brian O'Neill Richard Romero

Bro. Nathaniel Lysinger Richard Stephen
Crus Hinojos Robert Binkle

David Austin Robert Castro

Deacon John Charnisky Robert Hlozek

Gary Woerz Robert O'Sullivan

Greg Harper Steve Failla

Henry Boyle Thad Kroon

Jose Alaniz Walter Davis

Joseph Kubeczka Walter Dishberger

Matthew Acker William Treacy
Michael Bowen



David Ybarra
Cecilio Obregon
Eric Salley
John McCarthy
Joseph Perugini



Our council will award four \$1000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Two scholarships will be awarded to relatives of our council members (son or daughter, nephew or niece, grandson or granddaughter), as well as one scholarship each to a high school parishioner at Sts Simon and Jude and St. James. Applications are available by contacting Bill Moeller, 832-594-4980. All applications

must be postmarked, or hand delivered to the Scholarship Committee no later than June 7, 2014.

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