

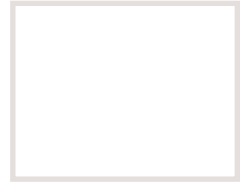
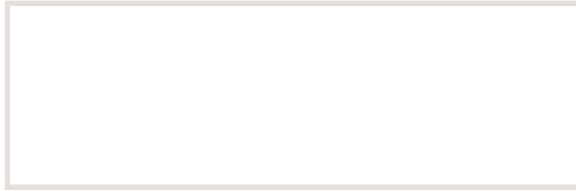
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First off, let me thank the Council members for the opportunity to serve as your Grand Knight the past two years. It has been a busy but very rewarding time for both my wife Mary Ann and I. I hope the Council will continue in its' charity endeavors and its' support to our new officers who will be elected this month. God Bless everyone for your support and help these past two years.

I would like to also thank those who were able to respond at such short notice to help fulfill a dying wish of a lady who now lives in a rest home Maryland. We received a phone call from her Eucharistic Minister and a Past Grand Knight from her Church Council in Maryland a few minutes before our Family Night Meal on Thursday. The lady wanted to donate the contents of her storage building located in Spring to our Council. The rent was due June 1st and the contents required immediate disposal. Having not to leave this worry for her children who live out of state was a great relief to her and she spoke very highly of our Council for bringing her this peace of mind. We will ship any personal items to her (and some Irish castles for her grandchildren) when we locate them in the hundreds of boxes that were taken to the block house. This is truly a charitable effort that Father McGivney would speak highly of (and one day he may do so).

Congratulations go out to our Brother Patrick Sullivan who attended the Major Degree (2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplification) at the Conroe Hall on Saturday, May 17th. Welcome to Full Knighthood in our Order Brother Patrick.

Also congratulations to our Brothers who transferred into our Council at our May Business Meeting. They are Brothers Gonzalo Coronado and Richard Reed.

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

Don't forget to update your Virtus Child Protection Training. It is good for 5 years and believe it or not they are already starting to expire. The Knights of Columbus urges all Brother Knights to take this training as we all eventually work with children either at our Parishes or in our Council activities. The next refresher class will be June 21st at St. Edward's Parish. Just register on-line to hold a seat. New classes are also held nearby nearly every month at different Parishes. The address for more information is Virtusonline.org.

Elections are right around the corner and are open to 3rd Degree members. The elections 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 June 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.

Help spread the word about our Brotherhood. Wear your Knight's shirt or name tag when attending Parish functions. Do you remember when you first made contact with a Brother Knight? Our future Brothers are waiting for your invitation, it starts with your invitation.

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Ledwig

We support Sts. Simon and Jude also St. James the Apostle as well as our local communities.



Events Schedule

All events are subject to change..



We do our best to make sure all listings are accurate, however, we ALWAYS suggest that you call ahead before making plans to attend an event.



- Thursday, June 5 Home Association/Officer Planning Meeting
- Tuesday, June 10 Chapter Meeting Council 3077
- Thursday, June 12 Council Business Meeting – Elections
- Sunday, June 15 Father’s Day
- Tuesday, June 17 Bingo Convalescent Center
- Sunday, June 22 Turnout - Feast of Corpus Christi Sts. Simon & Jude Parish
- Tuesday, June 24 4th Degree Meeting
- Thursday, June 26 Family Night – Officer Installation
- Sunday, June 29 Corporate Communion 9:00 a.m. Mass St. James the Apostle Parish



The 50th annual Knights of Columbus State Tournament was held in Grand Prairie, Tx. on the weekends of April 12 - 13 and 26 - 27. There was a total of 58 Teams that entered this year. The participation is down from previous years perhaps due to distance. Our Team “Strike Force” made up of David Lindinger, Danny Spurlock, Pat Thibeaux, and David Polasek bowled on the second weekend. I feel that we represented our area very well. I’m personally glad that bowling is a Team sport. As a team we placed 8th in Team. David Lindinger and Pat Thibeaux placed 8th in Doubles and Pat Thibeaux placed 13th in Singles. I am working to bring the Tournament to AMF Humble or Max Bowl in Humble also for next year. On the Cacey Queen (Ladies) side my wife Judy’s Team “Ladies Mixed” placed 2nd in their tournament. They were a last minute put together Team that turned out to be very profitable.



Brother Michael Juenke is this month’s Knight of the Month. Mike is a member of Sts. Simon & Jude Parish. Mike also helps out at the Council Fundraisers and is always willing to lend a helping hand wherever needed. Brother Mike, you are a valued member of the Council. Keep up the good work!

Here locally I have met once again with the manager of Diamond bowl to secure a position for our League for the next Fall season. I just need to get commitments as to how many Teams will be bowling this next year. I also was able to speak to several of the Knights of Columbus bowlers that bowl at Diamond Lanes at the State Tournament. We are trying to get setup for Tuesday nite and they have no problem moving to Tuesday nite. However they have a rule that a Knight or a Relative of a Knight be on each Team. Don’t know if we will be able to get around that rule, but I am working on it. Will keep you informed on that progress.

Last nite we held our 37th annual Knights of Columbus Bowling League Awards Banquet. Our first place team and League Champions was the “Pin Cutters” consisting of Martin and Martha Garcia, Steve and Denise Wright and Nick Nichols. Our second place team was the “Bowl Aholics” consisting of Randy and Cheri Chalk, Reggie Chester, and Bob Judice. Our highest League average was Dan Parizek with a 214 for the men and Sandra Jackson with a 168 for the Ladies. We had a very nice meal of Bar-B-Que and all the trimmings from KD’s Catering. We gave out all the awards and prize fund monies the bowlers and Teams had earned. A good time was had by all even though emotions ran high because of our current situation with Woodlands Lanes.

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.



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Auxiliary Bishop

Dear Brother Knights,

On behalf of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston I am writing to share with you that a new residence for our retired priests will be built. Monsignor Frank Rossi, Father Sean Horrigan, and myself are providing the leadership for this project. With deep gratitude for the work of the Knights of Columbus in our Archdiocese and a great need for our priests, we humbly ask you, Brother Knights, to prayerfully consider a gift to the *Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza Priest Retirement Residence*.

We have begun to raise funds to construct a new facility that will meet the needs of our retired priests for both independent and assisted living. The entire residence will be licensed as an assisted living facility so that our priests who come to live there while independent can continue to live in their same room when they are in need of assisted living. It will have 24 units for priests, plus all the necessary common use areas. The residence will be on presently undeveloped land contiguous to the present Pope John XXIII Priest Residence, which will be razed upon completion of the new facility.

This \$8 million project is off to a great start and has been accepted very well, and we have recently received the lead gift of \$2 million. We have secured additional pledges and are actively seeking the major gifts. However, to be able to raise this large amount of money in a short period of time, we need assistance from every one of my Brother Knights who are always so supportive and generous to our priests. The success of the campaign is contingent on the participation of the Knights of Columbus.

Enclosed you will find a pledge card and I ask that you please prayerfully consider a gift to the *Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza Priest Retirement Campaign*. If you should have any questions regarding the project, please call Roz Hill, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Director of Development, at 713-652-8217. Monsignor Frank Rossi may be contacted at 713-621-4371, Father Sean Horrigan at 281-469-5533, or myself at 713-652-8202.

With gratitude to the Knight of Columbus, I ask for the prayerful consideration of this request and for the support of our retired Clergy.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend George A. Sheltz
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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



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THE CAMERA CORNER



Chalk Mom & Chalk Kids at OTS Crawfish Festival, forgot to ask why they were all chalked up.



OTS Crawfish Festival visitor



Brother Chuck Keesee taking his first helo ride at OTS Crawfish Festival along with two other newbies, GK Jim, and Brother David Foltyn.



Ronnie and J.D. are standing under the Council Shelter



Crawfish Stage area for the group, "Los Lonely Boys"



This is what the guys were doing at Crawfish in their spare time. Left to right, GK Jim, David Foltyn, and Chuck Keesee. Was quite an enjoyable 5 minute ride around the area and no one threw up, not even the GK!



Rich Eimer receiving the Knights of Columbus Recruitment Award



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

GK Jim Ledwig jim300@sbcglobal.net 281-450-7910

PGK Bill Moeller billmoeller78@yahoo.com 832-594-4980

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:

Deacon John Charnisky (May 2) leg vein replacement

Alex Cheyney (Apr 17) knee replacement surgery

SK Butch Halphen (May 10) cardiac ablation

David Henry, son of Mary Jo Henry, (May 12) heart attack

Michael Morel (May 1) employment guidance

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

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

Pat (cancer) and 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 Cilleesson (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 Usel-

man, brother in law

Our Men and Women serving in the Mili-

tary

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:

John Francis Smith (Apr 28) Kingwood Knights of Colum-

bus

Paul Lewis, Sr, (May 19), charter council member

SK Lou Ward (Apr 8)

Family / Friends

Antoinette (Toni) Cali (Apr 27)

We have received a Prayer Request for Debbie Thomas, formerly of Spring, Texas

Debbie is currently a resident of the Golden Living Center Nursing Home in Frederick, Maryland and has very advanced medical conditions associated with Diabetes.

Debbie is the donor of the property of the storage unit that was given to our Council this past week.

Please keep Debbie, her daughters Shannon and Virginia, and her family in your prayers at this time.

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.

Steven Jimenez
Richard Rogers
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Peter Palen
Michael Manore
Frederick Ebers
Craig Grazak
Patrick Sullivan
Leo Torzewski
Stephen Pagel
Jerzy Cupial
John Brandon

Michael Cirincione
Frederick Haberle
Jack Edwards
Roger Balog
Richard Eimer
Marc Young
Pete Palasota
James Lowney
Kenneth Bizzell
Stuart Hoelscher
Thomas Landrith
Peter Walkoviak



Gonzalo Coronado
Richard Reed Jr.

Picture of Eagle Scout Grant Moore receiving his Eagle Scout Award at the Marine Military Academy. As noted Grant is a founding member of our Scout Troop 589 sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 6557



Brother Herb Sommer and his wife Eleanor are this Month's Family of the Month. Herb and Eleanor are members of Sts. Simon & Jude Parish and are active with both our Council and with the Church. Brother Herb is also our Council Newsletter Editor. Herb and Eleanor, we appreciate your involvement in the Council and at Council Charity events.

From Mary Ann Ledwig wife of Jim Ledwig :

Since this is my husband's last month as Grand Knight I thought I would take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you. When my husband took on this position two years ago we had just lost our 22 year old son just a few months earlier. I was in a fog and I couldn't even imagine my husband taking on this new job as Grand Knight. I felt that there was no way we could do this. I was so wrong. The Knights of Columbus saved us. Every one of you surrounded us with such great love and support to help us through this devastating time. You opened your hearts and shared with us the stories of your own losses of children and grandchildren. We were not alone. You stood by our sides when we lost our son and you have stood with us these past two years. What I envisioned was something that we could not do turned into something that saved our lives. Whenever I was with any of you words weren't necessary. A hug or a touch of a hand said it all. Tears that filled my heart 2 ½ years ago have lessened with the love you have shown us. So thank you again for allowing my husband and myself to serve you these past two years. Thank you for guiding us. Thank you for taking care of my husband. I am so proud of him. It has been an honor to be around some of the finest people I will ever meet. May God Bless each and everyone of you.

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