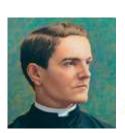
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As the newly elected Grand Knight of Council 6557 I would first like to thank brother Sir Knight and Past Grand Knight Jim Ledwig for everything he has done. We have come a long way in two years, so much change, so much to be thankful for. Being a Grand Knight at Council 6557 is more than just being the next man up. We have had some remarkable people here as Past Grand Knights, and I promise to do my best for this council and all our brother knights.

I invite everyone to come out and get involved. Giving and being a part of an endeavor such as the Knights of Columbus is not easy. Sharing the gifts God has given us is what makes us men, and what's more it displays our ideals for the world to see. Being a man is more than being strong or a bully. You see the mis-

guided every day in trucks that drive around with danglers off the back bumper, in politicians that want to fight all the time, or on the web in comments sections.

Sadly, our children and our grandkids see that too, and they absorb it.

My daughter's last day of school was on a Tuesday. I dropped her off and went to work, but I could not work. I was almost paralyzed with fear, dread of what could possibly happen on the last day of school. It was in the wake of a two week period of mass shootings and suicides.

It never used to be this way, but kids hear what we say, they see what we do and they are influenced by images we have no control over. So many lost, so many running madly down a road that leads to destruction, all sparked by something small, something insignificant, something that other generations somehow used to get over.

Luckily she had a great day, surrounded by friends and happy people. I however, have to remember not to drink coffee on the last day of school.

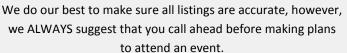
Being a part of something greater than ourselves does require sacrifice. We have every right to be selfish and unwilling, after all we are Americans, and we made this world what it is, but as Catholics we are not bound by those same social qualities.

We give out of love, and by our actions this world will see love. It may not have an effect on anything, and we may never see the fruits of our labor, but somehow, I don't believe that. We are different. We are stronger. We are called.



# **Events Schedule**

All events are subject to change..





THU July 10 Business Meeting Budget Vote

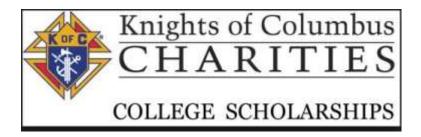
THU July 10 Home Association
THU July 24 Family Knight Meeting

FRI September 12 7:30pm game time FRIDAY KNIGHT LIGHTS
FRI September 19 7:30pm game time FRIDAY KNIGHT LIGHTS

MON September 29 Thru Oct. 12 SUN - Immaculate Conception Marian Prayer Service Program starting in Septem-

ber District 66 is scheduled for the icon

FRI October 24 7:30pm Game time FRIDAY KNIGHT LIGHTS



# From the Desk of: Brother Charlie (Goose) Siragusa

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT Grand Knight Jim Ledwig was nominated and elected to be our Grand Knight when by accident he raised his hand to stretch and everyone thought that he was saying, Hey, I want to be your leader. Being tall in the saddle, and full of ---- and vinegar, no one dared to oppose him.

He was therefore officially elected and became our Grand Knight. Jim was also blessed to have the loving assistance and support of his beautiful wife Mary Ann. Jim entered like a strong wind blowing aside all oppositions, hurdling roadblocks in his path like a gazelle and at time landing like a bull buffalo. Filled with a grand vision and hallucinations, Jim took the reins of our council and led us to the promise land, Old Town Spring. One of Jim's many accomplishments was the ability to take a T-bone steak, grind it up, and produce hamburger. His many years of working for the Postal Service gave him the necessary training to do this.

Jim had the ability to go many hours without sleep, and keeping others awake with him. During our many activities at Old Town Spring, you could always spot Jim, towering above others, standing in the parking lot, waving a flag. The danger of stepping on a Crawfish that had escaped the boiling pot was always on his mind, causing him to wave cars in the wrong direction.

Working at Old Town Spring could be very tiring, which was the cause of many of my Brothers sleeping during Council meetings. This was especially true when Jim gave his never ending Grand Knight Report. After serving as our Grand Knight for two terms, Jim has chosen to step aside. Our new Grand Knight will have some mighty big shoes to fill, and I'm sure that with Jim's help and guidance he will be successful. A credit to this Council and the Knights of Columbus, Jim and his leadership will be missed and never forgotten. May his picture hang forever with our other Brother Grand Knights, as a reminder of a job well done.

Levity aside – we end with this toast

MAY WE CONTINUE TO SERVE GOD, OUR COUNCIL, AND OUR COUNTRY



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### Joe Rammrath

# Fred and Ginny Balmes



Documented by our Council recorder John E Groneck, the 4 KFHMA Directors elected at the Annual Membership Meeting (June 12<sup>th</sup>

Robert Cobb / Harold Schambach / Ricky Rogers / Jerry Leiker - - all were elected by acclamation

#### K of C elections

Grand Knight: Bob Castro

Deputy Grand Knight: David Polasek

Chancellor: Mike Gleason Recorder: John Groneck Treasurer: Ken Scales Advocate: Pat Testa Warden: Robert Cobb

Inside Guard: Armando Silva Outside Guard: Danny Spurlock Outside Guard: Peter Palen

Houston chapter: (3 delegates: Bill Moeller / David Polasek / Rich Eimer)

Trustee: Jim Ledwig



# Worthy Grand Knight Elect, Bob Castro and Officers of Council 6557:

I wanted to take a moment and say Congratulations to the newly installed officers for 2014-2015. The rapidly arriving new fraternal year signifies a time of renewal and excitement for us all. The men that have stepped up to lead Council 6557 are to be congratulated for their desire to take on the mantle of leadership and to add to the destiny of this great Council. The officers that have stepped down from leadership or changed to another roll in the council, I say Thank You for all your dedication and service. If you have stepped down completely from office, I hope you understand that your expertise, in the leadership of your council, is still earnestly needed in helping the council stay the path in committment to service in the truest sense of our Order. Everytime new officers are installed, we add to the wonderful legacy of our Councils. Bishop Nold-Council 6557 turned 40 years old this year. What a fine statement of giving service you have brought to the Spring area and to the Order as a whole.

I want to say a special thanks to Sir Knight Bill Moeller, our Assistant
Diocesan Deputy for taking care of the installation of new officers for me. I am
sorry I missed this special occasion but I hope you all know I was with you in
spirit. Council 6557 has been a blessing to me and I look forward to serving more
closely with you in the future.

Officers and all Knights of Council 6557, I say again congratulations, my best wishes for the future and God bless,

Sir Knight James Hatcher Warden-District 66

# 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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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:

David Henry, son of Mary Jo Henry, (May 12) heart attack Norberto Narvacan (June 6) medical tests Debbie Thomas, (5/30) health

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 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 Darvl

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

#### Leo Torzewski (bladder cancer)

Tony Trahan (Blood Cancer)

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

Our Men and Women serving in the Military

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:**

Frank Hartley (6/27)

Paul Lewis, Sr, (5/19), charter council member

#### Family / Friends

Earl Fredrick, cousin of SK Rich Eimer (6/14) Elener Rimoldi, mother of Phil (Jun 30)

Donald Swingler, St. James parishioner, friend of Robert Cobb (6/19)

Elener Rimoldi, mother of our Brother SirKnight Phil Rimoldi, passed away

## 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.

**Robert Martinez Daniel Adames** John Milio Gonzalo Coronado **Thomas Frantes** Chase Uselman James Arnold Richard Reed Deacon Joseph Mignogna **Boyd Schafer** Terrence O'Donohue **Christopher Hoffart** LarryHawkins William Moeller III Billy Mayo George San Filippo Chad Beuerhausen Charles Siragusa Michael Chaney Delbert Uhl **Alexander Cheyney** Rudolph Palkowetz Jason Tiemeyer Raymond Colvin Paul Ybarra Krzysztof Cupial Lupe Nunez Richard Rodriguez Jose Rodriguez Joseph Chopek Jay Chapman Donald LaBarge Joseph Hofferek Ronnie Husky Patrick Thibeaux Michael Klekar **Brian Segel** 











For a couple of years I've been blaming it on lack of sleep and too much pressure from my job, but now I
found out the real reason: I'm tired because for what I do, I'm overworked.

The population of this country is 237 million.

104 million are retired.

That leaves 133 million to do the work.

There are 85 million in school, which leaves 48 million to do the work.

Of this there are 29 million employed by the federal government, leaving 19 million to do the work. 2.8 million are in the Armed Forces, which leaves 16.2 million to do the work.

Take from the total the 14,800,000 people who work for State and City Governments and that leaves 1.4 million to do the work.

At any given time there are 188,000 people in hospitals, leaving 1,212,000 to do the work. Now, there are 1,211,998 people in prisons. That leaves just two people to do the work. You and me. And you're sitting at your computer reading this newsletter!

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