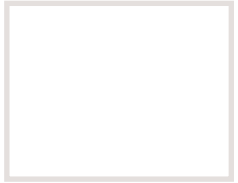
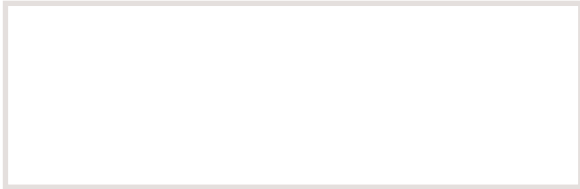


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First of all I would like to thank everyone who has helped the transition from one Grand Knight to the other. It is so important that you keep doing what you do while the new administration gets its sea legs. There will be mistakes, and screw ups, but the only thing that helps minimize those issues is you. I truly appreciate your efforts without which I would look like a complete idiot. And don't stop pointing that out, I can't get better without it. Also I would like to thank those that helped out with the storage unit and the Rum-mage Sale. Please give your hours to Brother David Polasek so we can track your time. Special hanks to Pat Testa for generating revenue when there was none. And special thanks to Brothers Jim Ledwig, Robert Cobb and Peter Palin for helping a new family move into their home. I heard they baked like lobsters but the family really appreciated their help. Also welcome to our new brother Roy Martinez who went through the Knight in a Day on the 26th. Please note that the Christmas Party has been changed to December 14th. We will begin planning for the appreciation dinner in September, and we will start asking for RSVP's once we have the specific date nailed down. We want to promote the scholarship fund as often as we can, and remember that the 50-50 split during family night and at our council meeting goes towards the Scholarship Fund. This is a very impressive endeavor that each of us should be very proud to be a part of.



Peter Palin – Peter was one of the first knights to step up when asked and has volunteered to be the Chairman of Council 6557 VA Assistance program. We hope to get this year kicked off with bang. Peter was also there when asked to help a family move so we know his heart is in the right spot. Thanks Peter, you set a fine example for your brother Knights, and you represent the best of Council 6557. Your efforts are appreciated.



For the Family of the Month, I would like more than anything to honor Jim Ledwig and his wife Marianne. Over the past two years I don't think I have ever seen two people more committed to this council, spending hours, endless amounts of time doing anything if not everything. I appreciate the amount of love you two have put into this organization, from making sure we had cake, to napkins you have taken care of each of us without us even realizing it. Thank you WPGK Jim Ledwig and Marianne.

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.



- THU Jul 31 KC Knight Class St. Anthony of Padua in The Woodlands 8:00-9:30pm, Rm 202
- SUN Aug 10 2:00 thru 5:00 Mandatory District meeting for all Grand Knights and officers at St. Ignatius in the Holy Family Room.
- SAT Aug 16 8:00 AM Mass at Annunciation Church followed by Rosary at Houston Women's Center 4820 San Jacinto ***Pro Life
- Sat Aug 16 9:00 AM thru 1:00 PM Financial Secretary training at St. Cecilia School (Computer Lab)
- THU Aug 28 Annual Council Awards Night
- SUN Aug 31 Corporate Communion St. Simon and Jude
- SAT Sep 20 9:00 AM Mass at St. Albert of Trapani 11027 S. Gesner followed by Rosary at Woman's center 8200 Wednesbury Lane ***Pro Life
- THU Sep 25 Volunteer appreciation dinner
- SAT Sep 27 OTS - Longhorn Rod Run (Times To Be Announced) 5 barricades, both parking lots
- SUN Sep 27 OTS - Longhorn Rod Run (Times To Be Announced) 5 barricades, both parking lots
- FRI Sep 12 7:30pm game time FRIDAY KNIGHT LIGHTS
- FRI Sep 19 7:30pm game time FRIDAY KNIGHT LIGHTS
- SAT Oct 11 OTS - 10:00 AM thru 6:00PM 2014 Autumn Art and Wine Festival (Steve's lot only)
- SUN Oct 12 OTS - 11:00 AM thru 5:00PM 2014 Autumn Art and Wine Festival (Steve's lot only)
- MON Sep 29 Thru SAT Oct 11 Fatima Day - 8:30 AM Mass at Catholic Charismatic Center 1949 Cullen *** Pro Life
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- SUN Oct 12 Immaculate Conception Marian Prayer Service Program starting in September District 66 is scheduled for the icon
- SAT Oct 18 OTS - Petfest (Times To Be Announced) 5 barricades, both parking lots
- SUN Oct 19 OTS - Petfest (Times To Be Announced) 5 barricades, both parking lots
- FRI Oct 24 7:30pm Game time FRIDAY KNIGHT LIGHTS
- SUN Nov 5 Corporate Communion St. James
- SAT Nov 15 8:15 Mass at Rose of Lima followed by Rosary at Aaron's Ambulatory Clinic 2505 N. Shepherd Running of the Silver Rose ***Pro life
- SUN Dec 14 Christmas Party
- SAT Dec 27 Feast of Holy Innocents Vigil 5:00 PM Mass at Queen of Peace on Telephone Road followed by Candle Light Rosary at Planned Parenthood 4600 Gulf Freeway
- SAT Jan 24 Yearly Major Degree at Council 6557



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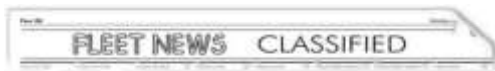
As a drought continued for what seemed an eternity, a small community of farmers was in a quandary as to what to do. Rain was important to keep their crops healthy and sustain the way of life of the townspeople.

As the problem became more acute, a local pastor called a prayer meeting to ask for rain.

Many people arrived. The pastor greeted most of them as they filed in. As he walked to the front of the church to officially begin the meeting he noticed most people were chatting across the aisles and socializing with friends. When he reached the front his thoughts were on quieting the attendees and starting the meeting.

His eyes scanned the crowd as he asked for quiet. He noticed an eleven year-old girl sitting quietly in the front row. Her face was beaming with excitement. Next to her, poised and ready for use, was a bright red umbrella. The little girl's beauty and innocence made the pastor smile as he realized how much faith she possessed. No one else in the congregation had brought an umbrella.

All came to pray for rain, but the little girl had come expecting God to answer....



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From the Desk of VA Assistance – Committee Chairman Peter Palin pjpalen@hotmail.com

Our goal is to have an active corps of Knights serving as volunteers at every Veterans Administration medical facility in the nation. Volunteers are needed at veterans medical facilities on a regular basis. Through the “Serving Those Who Served” program councils and assemblies are asked to form a corps of volunteers to meet the needs of our veterans on an ongoing basis. Just some volunteer opportunities for Knights include:

- Coordinating volunteer activities – matching the volunteers available with the needs of hospitalized veterans
- Supporting the Catholic chaplains in their ministry of spiritual support to our Catholic patients
- Providing reception and information services – working in reception areas to provide information to visitors
- Launch Presentation
- Providing transportation for veterans.
- Helping make patients comfortable by distributing toiletries, sweaters and other items that help make veterans more comfortable
- Providing “Pet Therapy” – bringing pets to facility to interact with the veterans at appropriate places and times
- Vocational rehabilitation – helping or providing the opportunity for veterans to participate in job skills programs
- Arts and crafts – providing materials and programs that help veterans use artistic and creative skills
- Patient visiting
- Patient check-in and patient escort
- Offering holiday celebrations – organizing parties for veterans
- Taking patients to ball games or performances when possible
- Hosting picnics, parties or recreation outings

Upon discharge from the VA facility some veterans find they have lost touch with friends and family. They need human companionship and a friendly, dependable K of C volunteer might be “just what the doctor ordered.”

- Discharged veterans need compassionate, caring and committed individuals to:
- Help them access community events and services
- Share their time by visiting them, listening to them and talking with them
- Note changes in the patient's condition and inform the healthcare team
- Remember them on birthdays, holidays and other special occasions.

Sometimes councils and assemblies are not located close enough to a veterans medical facility to make regular efforts practical. However, they may still participate in and make a valuable contribution to the “Serving Those Who Served” program.

The possibilities are limited only by the imagination and the needs of the veterans. For instance:

- Organize a drive to collect clothing, coats, gloves, pajamas, robes, toiletries, etc. for veterans
- Organize program to provide rosaries, Bibles, Catholic religious literature, and Chapel items like Mass bells, Easter candle holders, altar lines
- Volunteer as Eucharistic Ministers to take Communion to bed patients
- Collecting or developing a plan to buy television sets, VCRs, DVD players or stereo equipment to donate for use in medical facility common areas
- Collect video and audio tapes, books, DVD and CDs for the facility
- Develop a plan to donate personal computers and computer programs, printers (as well paper and ink) for use by veterans
- Travel to a VA facility to put on a special program or entertainment for patients
- Plan and conduct a special outing, if possible, for veterans such as a picnic, a trip to the ball park or a special community event
- Plan a special holiday event and travel to the facility to conduct it for the veterans or adopt veterans at a distant facility and remember them regularly with cards and letters.

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Great pictures taken by one of our master photographer's Fred Balmes member of the Sts. Simon and Jude camera club, Herb Sommer President. Our Camera Club is a gathering of photographer's who meet for instructional sessions and friendly critiques. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9:00 p.m. in Domec Hall room 5. Meetings are open to all ages and experience levels and completely free of dues.

Our web site: <https://sites.google.com/site/saintssimonjude/home>



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:

Sandra Kay, mother of Jay Chapman (July 30) health Will Moeller (7/10) injury recovery

Norberto Narvacan (June 6) medical tests

SK Joe Zepczyk (7/9) congestive heart failure and tests 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 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

Elsy 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)

SK John Joseph Milio (7/1)

Family / Friends

Thomas Holland Bratcher, grandson of Robbie & Lois Westbrook (7/3)

Marian Kelly, mother in law of Don Fisher (7/7)

Elener Rimoldi, mother of Phil (Jun 30)

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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James Hanus
Kenneth Scales
Charles Butler
Gregory Kubeczka
Mark Barnett
Michael Gleason
Geoffrey Green
Anthony Merlock
Thomas Toerner

Juan Santos
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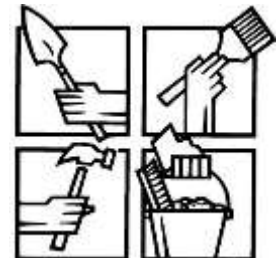
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It's a different world now, but here are some signs that you were raised by Irish parents:

In any crisis large or small, the first thing to say is, "Jesus, Mary and Joseph."
Your house contained a holy water font, a Child of Prague statue and a picture of JFK.
You've never seen anyone put flowers in a Waterford Crystal vase, although you have heard stories...

Wearing a "Kiss Me, I'm Irish" button on St. Patrick's Day will cause your granny to roll over in her grave.

The meanest teacher in America is nothing compared to the Irish Christian Brothers.
One of your grandparents had a sibling who was either a priest or a nun.
Guinness isn't just for pints - it makes good stew and cake, too.



Three 2014 Herman Konczewski Memorial Educational Scholarship checks in the amount of \$1000 each were awarded at our July Family Night Dinner. PGK David Danscak served as master of ceremonies, introducing the winners and presenting the check. Scholarships have been awarded since 2008 when the first two scholarships in the amount of \$500 were awarded. The number and amount of scholarships has increased over the years. The 2014 scholarship winners were:

Madeline Byers, daughter of Frank and Paula Byers. Madeline's uncle is David Janning, who sponsored her. The Byers attend St. Catherine's of Siena in Houston. Maddie graduated from Stratford High School. Her activities included National Honor Society, Robotics Club, Honor Band, Jazz Band, and Orchestra. She volunteers at the Houston Food Bank. Maddie will attend Trinity University where she plans to pursue a major in psychology and neuroscience.

Eduardo Castaneda and his family attend St. James. He graduated from Nimitz High School and ranked 3rd in his class. Some of Eduardo's activities include National Honor Society where he served as president, Marching Band, Concert Band and being selected outstanding varsity band member, and first place winner of State History Fair. Eduardo will attend University of Houston and major in mechanical engineering.

Our 3rd winner, Niza Juarez was not able to attend our dinner. Niza is a St. James parishioner. She attended Carl Wunsche High School. Niza was active member of and received state recognition from HOSA Future Health Professionals. She is also skilled in sign language. Niza will attend Sam Houston State University and major in Biology. Robert Cobb will present the check to her at the end of an upcoming mass.

Our scholarship is named in honor of Herman Konczewski who served twice as our grand knight. He was a very dedicated member who passed away in July 2007. Much of the success of this council and getting involved and working Old Town Spring Festivals, was due to Herman's effort. Herman was a tireless leader who always worked to improve our council. It was appropriate to name our council scholarship after someone who worked hard to achieve success. The 2014 scholarship committee consisted of Bill Moeller, John Gronek, Joe Chopek, David Danscak, and Joe Rammrath.



Eduardo Castaneda with his mother Ana



Madeline Byers with parents Frank and Paula Byers

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