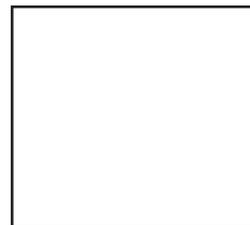
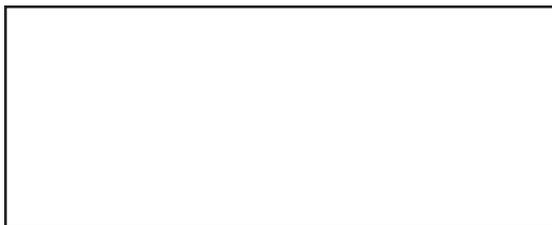


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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

By Robert J. Castro
Grand Knight

September is over and October is here already. We had one of our better more active months, and we now turn our sights on October which will be busy again too.

We saw the first big game at Friday Knight Lights, and enjoyed the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Brother Peter Palin's Veteran's Assistance committee did a fantastic job meeting and greeting our country's veterans, and our council did a big 1st degree for seven new knights. Old Town Spring may not have been as busy as we would have liked but it was fun. For the first time ever I personally got to see some of the cars. The choice spots are the barricades of MAIN street, and I think I am going to write a screen play. There were some very interesting people that went with the old cars.

I would like to encourage the new members to meet the welcoming committee at the next meeting and start planning out how you would like to best serve. Council 6557 is a very busy council, and everyone is participating, we have all kinds of things to do that may interest you. Be active, and remember every moment you spend giving your time goes to a lot of worthy causes. We welcome our new members from September, and remember brother knights you are automatically in the Welcoming Committee, so say hello to your Chairman Brian Lecour and thanks for joining us:

Gabriel Tatman
Alexander Cupial
Mike Nicklow

Doug Saunders
Scott Cheney
Gene McCormick

Pope Frances has said that the Church's pastoral approach to helping couples must be, "intelligent, courageous, and full of love," because the family today is looked down upon and mistreated.

So the Knights will begin a yearlong investment in the family. There will be new activities and challenges so you're your eyes open. October movie night is the movie "UP" and should be seen with all the family together, no cell phones. Maybe soon we can start our own family movie night at the hall. Until then Psalm 105 every Sunday and remember to gather canned goods for the food bank.

Knights of the Month



Joe Delatorre
Joe has jumped at the chance to help out at just about everything from working a cash register to helping out on the degree team. He has set a fine example and his participation and efforts reflect highly on his Catholic Faith, the Knights of Columbus, and Council 6557. When you see him shake his hand and remind him that we appreciate his efforts.

Family of the Month



David and Judy Polasek
Worthy Deputy Grand Knight and his wife Judy were instrumental in taking care of our appetizers and drinks at the volunteer appreciation dinner. They are also both avid bowlers and have been since the inception of the league of exceptional bowlers. I would like to say thank you.

STANDING COMMITTEES



Get Involved!

WELCOMING

The Welcoming Committee is Chaired by Brian LeCour and needs some support. All new knights are automatically part of the Welcoming Committee. The committee is tasked with introducing new members to committee chairs and programs. Knights start in the Welcoming Committee and quickly get involved in council operations. Contact Brian at: brian.lecour@rsp.com

BINGO

The Bingo Committee meets every third Tuesday from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Houston Health & Rehabilitation Center 17600 Cali Dr. off F.M. 1960. They host the Bingo games and offer commeraderie and fun to the elderly in our community. Please donate an hour of your time and get back much more than you could imagine.



SCHOLARSHIP

The Herman Konczewski Memorial Educational Scholarship Committee is chaired by Worthy District President Bill Moeller. The scholarship program is responsible for getting scholarship funds to worthy recipients. They establish the rules, the requirements and the amounts that the council gives. The council will provide 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. E-mail brother Bill Moeller at: Bill.Moeller@hp.com to Help out.

OTS

The OTS or Old Town Spring Committee is responsible for most of our revenues that we get to send to charity. Unlike many charity organizations when we send money to charities we don't tack on a charge, all the proceeds go to the charities we chose. To do that however we have to have some fund raisers. OTS is a big one, from the Crawfish Festival to the Rod Run, we park cars and man barricades in cooperation with the Old Town Spring Association. We need volunteers for events as well as volunteers to help organize and coordinate events with OTSA. See Gearge Adams or e-mail him to volunteer at: adamsgeorge3@yahoo.com

STANDING COMMITTEES

Get Involved!

FUNDRAISING

Our Fundraising Committee is chaired by Eric Salley and he can be reached at vanhect@gmail.com. The committee meets periodically to discuss possible events or fundraisers that the council can explore.

BOWLING

The Bowling Committee is tasked with bringing home trophies and putting other councils to shame. If you bowl or would like to get started contact the council Bowling Committee, chaired by David Polasek dpolasek7388@sbcglobal.net.

DEGREE TEAM

The Degree Team Committee is responsible for our ceremonies. There are parts that have to be memorized and delivered to the council during our ceremonies, and it just requires someone that can memorize lines. If you can act or have been on stage before, you must sign up, you'll really enjoy bringing new knights into the council. To volunteer to help or perform a role, contact Mark Votsmier at: Votsmier@sbcglobal.net

YOUTH

The Youth Committee works with kids to do the Free-throw contest, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Squires. Boy Scouts meet on Mondays at the Hall and Cub scouts meet on Tuesdays. If you can help with our youth activities please contact the Youth Committee chairman, John Tatman: jg_tatman@sbcglobal.net



CHARITY

The Charity Committee is chaired by Larry Hawkins (lhawkins1945@yahoo.com) who is the contact person for any organization that could use some help. The Charity committee brings suggestions to the officers and we vote on them during our council meetings. We first must determine if we can afford it or how can we help, if we are unable to, we direct individuals to other Catholic Charities that we work with such as:

Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston

3303 Main St. Houston, TX 77002

Phone: 713-533-4900 Fax: 713-520-4663

Northeast Assistance Ministries - NAM

15555 Kuykendahl, Houston, TX 77090

Financial assistance: 281-583-5600

Donate furniture or other large items: 281-885-4545

Monetary donation: 281-885-4605

STANDING COMMITTEES

Get Involved!

KITCHEN COMMITTEE

The single most important thing a Knight can do when volunteering is eat. That is why the roles of the cooks and support of the kitchen teams are so important. The kitchen team not only prepares meals but must deliver them and do it on a budget. If you have experience or would like to learn, please contact David Fulton: dtfhoutx@aol.com

GOLF

The golfing committee is chaired by the President of the K of C Golf League, Brother SK Rich Laboda. Our golfers meet on Wednesdays and over the past 4 years have donated over \$7000 to various charities. If you golf or just like to hang out at golf courses, you can help raise money while doing so. Contact Rich Laboda at: richardlaboda@consolidated.net



H.A. COMMITTEE

Members of the Homeowner's Committee take care of the hall where the council meets. They suggest ideas, perform handyman tasks, trim the grass and other projects around the hall. If you like working outside or with your hands, this may be a great place to start. Contact John Groneck, he's not just the chairman of the Homeowners Association, he's the President.

VA ASSISTANCE

The goal of the VA Assistance Committee is to have an active corps of Knights serving as volunteers at every Veterans Administration medical facility in the nation. We meet once a quarter and venture down to the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX to mingle with the veterans and take them to mass if they choose to go. We could use a few more vets or knights, please volunteer with Peter Palin - e-mail him at: pjpalen@hotmail.com



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New Additions are in Bold for all categories. Illnesses are usually left on this list for a period of 30 - 45 days.
For updating, please contact GK Bob Castro bob@marloe.com 713-582-0442 or
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:

Ken Bacon (8/22) pacemaker heart surgery recovery
Jonathon Castro (9/9), son of GK Bob Castro, unknown illness diagnosis
Sandra Kay, mother of Jay Chapman (July 30) health
Holly Shafer Boyd (8/14) Heart Attack
Butch Halpen (9/22) upcoming pacemaker surgery
Trevor Pauley (9/15) son of Peggy Husky, tumor
Tricia O'Rourke (9/1) daughter of Jack and Shirley Elliot, surgery
Deb Richardson (10/1) niece of Phil Rimoldi, upcoming heart surgery
Linda Salley, newborn (9/12) daughter of Eric Salley, in NICU, born 8 weeks early
PGK John Tatman (9/10) surgery
Casey Wistell, (8/14) West Nile Virus
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
Cathy Barcello, proposed by Terry O'Donohue (kidney cancer)
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
Rachel Davis, wife of Mitchell, Co 14512, (healthy pregnancy)
Henry Dishberger (cancer)

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PRAYER LIST



Helen Foltyn, mother of David, health
Brent Fry (Brain cancer), nephew of Bill and Bridget Moeller
Maria Jose Garcia de Romero, sister-in-law of Terry O'Donohue, Leukemia
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
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)
Margaret Romeo (Health)
Maria Jose Romero (Leukemia), proposed by Terry O'Donohue
Henrietta Siragusa (Health)
Leo Torzewski (bladder cancer)
Tony Trahan (Blood Cancer)
Dean Welter (bladder cancer) proposed by Chad Uselman, brother in law
SK Joe Zepczyk (Health)
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 a
may they rejoice in your Kingdom. AMEN**

Brother Knights:

Family / Friends

Emzy Garrett, father of Reverend Pat Garrett

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Can you Guess what the
theme was?



Mustache →



THANKS RUDY!





FRIDAY KNIGHT LIGHTS

Brother Ken is very concerned about proper headwear.



Come out and Join Us!

Council 6557 is very busy but we are busy to support the charities that we happily give to. Here are some of them:

Abandoned Animal Rescue
Armor of God Military Ministry
Brookwood Community
Cardinal Golf Fundraiser (Shepherd's Cup)
Catholic Daughters
Fisher House
Food for Families
Habitat for Humanity
**Herman Konczewski Memorial
Educational Scholarship (By Council
6557)**
Interfaith Community Clinic

March for Life
Montgomery Co Food Bank
My Service Dog
Operation Military Embrace
Pregnancy Assistance CTR
Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)
Scholarships
Seminarian Support
Special Olympics
Spring Assistance Ministries
St. James
St. James Pro life

St. Simon and Jude
St. Simon and Jude Pro Life
St. Vincent DePaul Society
Tamina Community Center
Thomas Scott Moore Scholarship
Endowment Fund
USO
Wheel Chair Mission (American)



Old Town Spring Meetup Areas



This is the only entrance by car

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monthly Schedule:

1st Thursday	Officer Meeting
2nd Tuesday	Chapter Meeting
2nd Thursday	Council Meeting
3rd Tuesday	Convalescent Bingo 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Houston Health & Rehabilitation Center
4th Tuesday	4th Degree Meeting
4th Thursday	Family Knight

Weekly Schedule

Mondays	Boy Scouts	At Hall Do not Schedule events on this day
Tuesdays	Cub Scouts	At Hall Do not Schedule events on this day

Activity Schedule

MON	Sep 29 Thru	
SAT	Oct 11	Fatima Day - 8:30 AM Mass at Catholic Charismatic Center 1949 Cullen *** Pro Life
THU	Oct 2	Home Association / Planning Meeting
THU	Oct 9	Council Business Meeting
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)
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
THU	Oct 23	Family Knight
FRI	Oct 24	FRIDAY KNIGHT LIGHTS - 530PM
SUN	Oct 26	12:30 – 4:30 Octoberfest @ Sts Simon and Jude (See Rich Eimer)
SUN	Nov 30	Corporate Communion St. James
SAT	Nov 15	Chili Cookoff (at the Hall)
SAT	Nov 15	Mass at Rose of Lima (8:15AM) 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
SUN	Dec 28	Knights Visit With Veterans at Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX
SAT	Jan 24	Yearly Major Degree at Council 6557