



# *Knighly News - December 2015*

## *Holy Spirit Council 7264*

*Weatherford, Texas*

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### **Grand Knight's Report:**

Dear Brothers,

As I write this, Thanksgiving is just a few short days away. This is a perfect time for all of us to reflect on the many blessings we have received during the past year. Personally, I feel that I have been blessed far more than I deserve. I am especially thankful for my health, my family, the support I have received from all of you, my Brother Knights, but most of all for Jesus Christ who is always with me in Spirit on my Journey through life.

Christmas will be here before we know it. Let's make sure that we do our part to keep Christ in Christmas. Merry Christmas is the only greeting that we as Christians should use. Be especially supportive of any business whose belief is the same as ours. The Christmas Parade is an ideal time to remind others to also keep Christ in Christmas. As we have in the past, we will be displaying this message on our float, and we will also be passing out candy canes with that message attached. The parade will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup>, and we will need your help starting at 8 AM that morning to help prepare the float. We will also need Knights to walk and pass out the candy canes.

Our KC Christmas Party will be held on the evening of December 5<sup>th</sup> after the 5:30 PM Mass. We have some wonderful surprises planned, so this is an event you will not want to miss. The cost of the meal will be \$10 per person, payable at the door. Please RSVP to David Straka at 682-239-7460 or Ray Carr at 817-994-2487.

Our final Burrito Breakfast of the year will be on December 13<sup>th</sup>. As always, we will begin setting up at 6 AM. If you haven't come out to one of these events before, or if it's been a while, it's a wonderful opportunity catch up with your Brother Knights. If you are one of our newer members, this is a perfect event to break the ice, meet many of your new Brother Knights, and start getting involved.

Our next Business Meeting will be December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Rosary starts at 7:15 PM. There is no Planning Meeting in December due to the Christmas holidays.

Barbara and I want to wish all of you a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving, and a very Blessed and Merry Christmas.

God Bless,

SK Stan Stanislav, Grand Knight





### Prayer Intentions

*At the November Business Meeting, we were asked to remember the following individuals in our prayers:*

- |                   |                                   |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Betty Young       | Lawrence Bierschenk               |
| Helen Wright      | John Young (RIP)                  |
| Wendel Ward       | Andy Blanchard (RIP)              |
| Albert Allen      | Peggy Baxter (RIP)                |
| Joe Gerlich       | Robert Cameron (RIP)              |
| Scott Hill Family | Robert "Trumpet Black" Hill (RIP) |
| Jimmy Dixon (RIP) |                                   |
| Pat Tracey (RIP)  |                                   |

#### *Saint Augustine's Prayer*

*Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend Your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest Your weary ones. Bless Your dying ones. Soothe Your suffering ones. Pity Your afflicted ones. Shield Your joyous ones. And for all Your love's sake. Amen.*



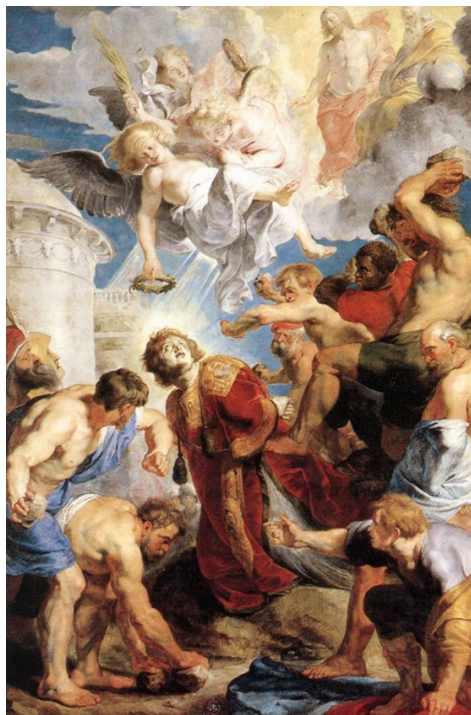
#### *A Prayer to Saint Stephen*

*We give you thanks, O Lord of glory,  
 for the example of the first martyr  
 who looked up to heaven and prayed  
 for his persecutors to Your Son,  
 Jesus Christ, who stands at Your right  
 hand, where he lives and reigns with  
 You and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
 in glory everlasting.  
 Amen.*



### Saint of the Month — Saint Stephen

December 26th is the Feast Day for Saint Stephen. Saint Stephen is traditionally venerated as the first of Christ's disciples to become a martyr. He is first mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 6). He was one of seven deacons appointed by the Apostles to assist the poorer members of the early church. Stephen, along with the six other men, was selected as one filled with "...Spirit and wisdom." (Acts 6:3) His



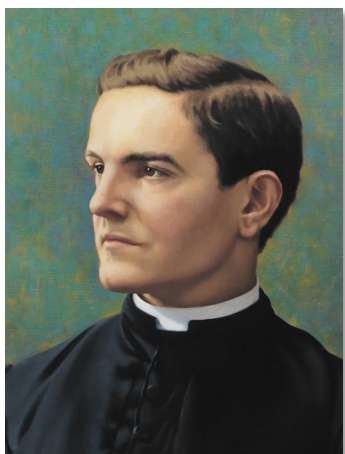
The Martyrdom of Saint Stephen - by Rubens, Pieter Pauwel - from Musée des Beaux-Arts, Valenciennes

ministry and talents for preaching were so great that his opponents made charges against him of blasphemy. At his trial, Saint Stephen was given the opportunity to defend himself. He was filled with the Holy Spirit and provided a remarkable discourse that is found in Acts 7.

He was found guilty and stoned to death. As he was being stoned, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." (Acts 7:59) He prayed that the Lord would forgive his killers. It is notable that in the crowd, on the side of the mob, was a young man named Saul, who would later be known as Saint Paul the Apostle. (Acts 7:58)

Today, Saint Stephen is recognized as the Patron Saint of both stonemasons and deacons.

**Come and pray the Patriotic Rosary**  
**Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7 PM**  
**at the St Stephen Chapel on Main Street**  
[www.patrioticrosary.com](http://www.patrioticrosary.com)



**Our Founder  
Fr. Michael McGivney**

**Upcoming Events:**

- Dec 5<sup>th</sup> @ 8 AM**  
*Christmas Parade*
- Dec 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM**  
*Christmas Party*
- Dec 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6 AM**  
*Burrito Breakfast*
- Dec 18<sup>th</sup> @ 12 PM**  
*Nursing Home Visit*
- Jan 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6 AM**  
*Burrito Breakfast*
- Jan 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM**  
*Patriotic Rosary*
- Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 1:30 PM**  
*Hike for Life (tentative)*
- Jan 31<sup>st</sup> @ 12:30 PM**  
*Corporate Communion*

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- Dec 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM**  
*Business Meeting*
- Jan 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM**  
*Business Meeting*
- Jan 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM**  
*Planning Meeting*

**Knights of Columbus Holy Spirit Council 7264  
Business Meeting Minutes for November 10, 2015**

- Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Stan Stanislav
- Roll Call of Officers: (P)resent, (E)xcused, (A)bsent
  - ▣ **Chaplain** (Fr. John Karanja) (E)
  - ▣ **Grand Knight** (Stan Stanislav) (P)
  - ▣ **Deputy Grand Knight** (Dave Straka) (P)
  - ▣ **Chancellor** (Francis Roterling) (P)
  - ▣ **Recorder** (Ray Carr) (P)
  - ▣ **Financial Secretary** (John Achtyl) (P)
  - ▣ **Treasurer** (Derrick Rice) (P)
  - ▣ **Lecturer** (Robert Tracey) (E)
  - ▣ **Advocate** (Lawrence Bierschenk) (E)
  - ▣ **Warden** (Hector Arevalo) (E)
  - ▣ **Inside Guard** (Robert Picha) (P)
  - ▣ **Outside Guard** (Charles Clark) (P)
  - ▣ **Trustee 3rd Year** (David Yaniko) (P)
  - ▣ **Trustee 2nd Year** (James Nowak) (P)
  - ▣ **Trustee 1st Year** (Joseph Wright) (E)
- Chaplain Report — no report
- Minutes of Previous Meeting were approved as published.
- Membership
  - ◊ John Achtyl reported that we have two new candidate applications — Carlos Mendoza, a principal in the FWISD, and Jeff Horwedel, retired from the Fire Department — both reside in Lipan. Motion by Dave Straka to accept, seconded by Derrick Rice. Passed.
- Grand Knight Report
  - ◊ Thanks to all who worked and supported the Charity Golf Tournament. Golf Tournament Chairman Neal Hoelting reported that we made a net profit of \$21,356. Dave Yaniko reported next year’s date is set for October 15, 2016.
  - ◊ Thanks to all who came and worked the November Burrito Breakfast, especially those who filled in for cooking duty on Saturday night.
  - ◊ The Parish Work Day turnout was lower due to the rain, but it was successful nonetheless. The new cross was assembled and raised (there is a video of that on the council website), the floor in our part of the Club House was stripped and waxed, and the Club House kitchen was cleaned.
- Treasurer Report was read and accepted.
- Financial Secretary Report
  - ◊ We have gained three new members so far this year.
  - ◊ Bills for dues will be sent out by November 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - ◊ We still have the \$622 credit from Supreme for making Star Council last year. It will cover our per capita and Cultural Life payments (approximately \$500) which are coming due in January.
- Trustees Report
  - ◊ Dave Yaniko presented a recommendation from the Trustees that this year’s Christmas Party cost be set at \$10 per person. Motion by Neal Hoelting to accept, seconded by Charles Hill. Passed.

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Remember to visit the

Council Website:

[kofc7264.org](http://kofc7264.org)

## Prayer for Vocations

*Father, you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you.*

*Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers.*

*Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call.*

*We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.*

### Links to other Publications



### (Meeting Minutes - continued from Page 3)

- Program Chair Report
  - ◇ Tootsie Roll Drive is this Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers should wear their blue shirts and caps, and red coat if you have one. First shift will collect from 9 AM to noon (report to Club House at 8 AM) and second shift will collect from noon to 3 PM.
  - ◇ The Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. If we can get the candy cane messages printed by 6 PM tomorrow (Nov 11<sup>th</sup>) the Youth Group may be able to tape them to the candy canes during their meeting. Ray Carr will look into getting the messages printed.
  - ◇ The Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> following the 5:30 PM Mass. Ray Carr to send out invites via email and US mail requesting everyone RSVP by November 29<sup>th</sup> so that we can get a head count for the caterer.
  - ◇ The Weatherford Nursing Home visit will be Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Club House at noon to load up. Arrival and setup at the nursing home starts at 1 PM, and the residents will start coming through at 2 PM. We will have donation boxes in the church and/or Holy Spirit Center foyers during the weekends of December 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> — Dave Straka will submit the announcements for the bulletins. We will meet at the Club House on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM to sort through the donations. It was suggested that the bulletin announcements for the donation requests should include DVDs and puzzle books this year.
  - ◇ Our next Patriotic Rosary will be Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7 PM at the chapel on main street.
- Old Business — none
- New Business
  - ◇ Motion by Dave Yaniko to donate \$1,000 to the Pallottines (as we do every year), seconded by Chuck Clark. Passed.
  - ◇ John Achtyl reported that the Carmelite Nuns in Arlington are trying to raise \$75,000 to purchase a new boiler. Motion by Dave Straka to donate \$100, seconded by Dave Yaniko. Passed.
  - ◇ The Carmelite Nuns will once again host a Memorial Mass for 4th Degree Knights on Thanksgiving Day at 10 AM. At the end of the Mass, a chalice engraved with the names of 4th Degree Knights who passed away during the past year will be presented to a visiting priest. John Young's name will be on the chalice this year.
  - ◇ Chuck Clark reported that this year's Hike for Life is tentatively planned for Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.
  - ◇ The Dynamic Catholic Team will be handing out books again this year after all the Christmas Masses. Volunteers will be needed to help pass them out.
- Meeting closed at 8:30 PM by Stan Stanislav.



## Knights of Columbus Hits \$100 Billion of Life Insurance in Force

*A message from your council's insurance agent, Terry Peffers*

Brother Knights,

I write to you today to share some wonderful news. On November 3, your Knights of Columbus surpassed \$100 Billion of life insurance in force, further cementing our position as one of the largest life insurers in North America.

It is a tremendous achievement, and one that we should all celebrate – let me tell you why.

It's not about the number. It's not that \$100 Billion isn't impressive – it is. It's not that it doesn't matter – it does. But it's about the purpose and the potential of those dollars, not the dollars in and of themselves.

It's \$100 billion of protection for brother Knights and their families. It's \$100 billion of real money, waiting to be paid out, to keep the hopes and dreams of Catholic families alive when a breadwinner suddenly dies. It's a \$100 billion promise that our members have entrusted to us.

I smile when I see that number. I smile, not because I like big numbers. It's not the number that impresses me. But the Supreme Council office tells me that on an average night that 74 brother Knights passed away. 74 of them. And yet only 30 have insurance with the Knights of Columbus. There are 44 widows somewhere out there to whom we have nothing to give. To be sure we have prayers, and dinners, and fundraisers. But we don't have enough. We don't have enough to send the

children to school. We don't have enough to save the family home. We don't have enough to make a terrible time easier.

That \$100 billion number makes me smile because I know that bringing that number up, means bringing the number of unprotected widows down. I know that sometime in the not too distant future, 100 will become 150, and 150 will become 200, and subsequently the number of brother Knights left uninsured at the time of their death will decrease, the number of widows and orphans provided for will increase, and Catholic families will flourish, despite the odds, because of the diligent planning of a brother Knight – just as Father McGivney would have wanted.

What a tremendous number. What a point of pride for you and for me.

For those of you that have given the Knights of Columbus the privilege of helping to protect your family's financial future: thank you

for your trust.

For those of you that haven't yet: there has never been a better time to turn to your Knights of Columbus. We are here to protect you, just as Father McGivney intended us to be. That is a claim that no other company can ever make. We are the premier Catholic insurance company, and we are yours.

Vivat Jesus!



**Contact our council's insurance agent, Terry Peffers, if you are interested in information on any of the various Knights of Columbus insurance products, or if you would like to have a review of your insurance needs.**



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# Brother Knights Hit the Streets for the Tootsie Roll Drive



James Nowak, smiling on the job, as always!



Chuck Clark marches out to collect some cash.



Dave Yaniko thanks a donor with a few Tootsie Rolls.



Ray Carr making sure all the passing cars see him.



Vic Verstraete hustles out to collect another donation.



Let the sorting and counting begin. This is going to take a while!



Derrick Rice and John Achtyl total it up — just under \$3,000 was raised! Thank you, Weatherford!



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## ...and speaking of shopping, have you noticed the new amazon.com link on our website home page?

Announcing another great fundraising opportunity for our Council! Our website sponsor, UKnight, has added an "Our Amazon Link" to our home page, and here's how the fundraising works.

Our Council will receive commissions on all purchases made on Amazon.com when purchasers go through the link on our website. Clicking the link opens a page that explains the program and shows a link to Amazon that has been specifically programmed for our Council.

The more folks use it, the more commissions we will receive! So please tell all your friends and family to start shopping Amazon through "Our Amazon Link"!



**Don't forget to RSVP**  
**by November 29th** for the  
*Knights of Columbus Holy Spirit Council 7264*  
**Annual Christmas Party**

*Date: Saturday, December 5th, 2015*  
*Time: 6:30 PM (after the 5:30 PM Mass)*  
*Location: St. Stephen Church Club House*  
*Dinner: Catered by 2 Outlaws BBQ*  
*Cost: \$10 per person*

**RSVP to either of the following:**  
*David Straka 682-239-7460 - [oneitalianstallion@gmail.com](mailto:oneitalianstallion@gmail.com)*  
*Ray Carr 817-994-2487 - [ray.carr.7264@gmail.com](mailto:ray.carr.7264@gmail.com)*



DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5  Christmas Parade, 8:00am Christmas Party 6:30pm
6	7	8  Business Meeting, 7:30pm Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	9	10	11	12
13  Burrito Breakfast, 6:00am Council 7264 First Degree Ceremony 1:30 PM	14	15	16	17	18 <b>WEATHERFORD HEALTH CARE</b> 521 W. 7th Weatherford Nursing Home Visit with Donations 1:00pm (Meet at Club House 12pm)	19
20	21	22 (No Planning Meeting)	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

**December Birthdays**  
 1 - Robert Fronk Jr      11 - Joseph Broesche      23 - Thomas Jones      27 - Charles Clark  
 8 - Alton Nini      12 - David Kerr      25 - DCN Jesus Cardenas      30 - Brian Smith  
 10 - Gary Huddleston      16 - Eusebio Uribe

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 New Years Day Diocesan Knights Mass St. Patrick Cathedral, 6pm	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10  Burrito Breakfast, 6:00am	11	12  Business Meeting, 7:30pm	13	14	15	16
17 Council 7264 First Degree Ceremony 1:30pm	18	19  Patriotic Rosary, 7:00pm St. Stephen Chapel	20	21	22	23  Hike for Life, 1:30pm (tentative date)
24 First Degree in Granbury [Host: 9748] 1:30pm	25	26  Planning Meeting, 7:00pm	27	28	29	30
31  Corporate Communion Mass, 12:30pm	1	2	3	4	5	6

**January Birthdays**  
 2 - Ray Bridgewater      6 - Christopher Newton      16 - James Gieb      24 - Douglas Cormier  
 2 - Daniel Martin      7 - John Rapkoch      19 - Andrew Allen      29 - Thomas Davis  
 4 - John Pilkington      11 - Joseph Wright      23 - Paul Claffey      31 - David Yaniko  
 5 - H. Mark Wood      15 - Edward Cattuzzo      23 - Sean Vandercook