



Knightly News - November 2016

Holy Spirit Council 7264

Weatherford, Texas

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Grand Knight's Report:

Brothers,

October has been a very busy and productive month. Just about each weekend, we had some event planned, and I think we need a well-earned week off! I wish to thank all of those who participated at the Burrito Breakfast. The turnout was great and so was the food! Also, I want to thank the First-Degree Team for holding a degree and indoctrinating our new members! As always, you did a great job!

On October 15, we held our 16th annual Golf Tournament. I wish to congratulate John Achtyl and Dave Yaniko for a world class event! This year's tournament was a HUGE success! I received so many compliments from the participants saying what a wonderful event it was and most importantly, they look forward to next year. Again, thanks to Leonard & Joe Wright for preparing such a delicious lunch. I think sometimes, people just play in the tournament just for the lunch! I also want to thank each and every one of you brothers who got a hole sponsor, a door prize, signed up a golfer, or worked the day of the tournament! This was such a special event, and we could not have been as successful without your participation! Great Job Brothers!!!

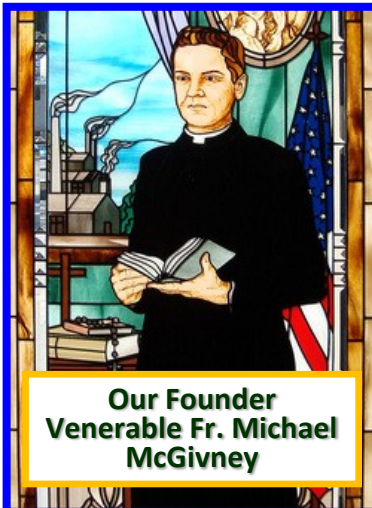
On October 19, we held a Patriotic Rosary in the Clubhouse. It was well attended and I think we have found our spot for holding this event! Thanks to all who participated!!

On October 24, we participated in St. Stephen's Fall Festival. What a day! I would like to thank all brother Knights who volunteered to make this day a special day for our church! Once again, Leonard Wright out did himself with the sausage on a bun. We sold out an hour or so before the event was over! How about the games! Ray & Sheila Carr did an excellent job with the games! From Plinko to Fr. Mike's Fish Pond, these games were masterfully crafted with love and were the busiest booths during the Festival! Again, I am just so proud of you and our organization and our contribution to our church! Together, there is nothing we cannot accomplish!

On Tuesday, November 8, we will be having our business meeting. Rosary will start at 7:15, meeting to follow. Since there will only be one meeting this month and next, we have a lot to cover. Please make sure you attend.

God Bless you and your families!

Dave Straka, Grand Knight



**Our Founder
Venerable Fr. Michael
McGivney**

Upcoming Events:

Nov 12th @ All Masses

2nd Collection: Feed the Families

Nov 13th @ 6:00 am

Burrito Breakfast

Nov 19th @ 9 am - 3 pm

Tootsie Roll Drive

Dec 3rd @ 9 am - 12 pm

Weatherford Christmas Parade

Dec 9th @ 6 pm

Christmas Party

Dec 11th @ 6 am

Burrito Breakfast

Upcoming Meetings:

Nov 8th @ 7:30 pm

Business Meeting

Nov 22nd @ 7 pm

Planning Meeting

**Please send inputs
and/or suggestions
for the newsletter to:**

MattCasey.7264@gmail.com

Business Meeting Oct 11, 2016

☐ Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Grand Knight Dave Straka

☐ Roll Call: (P)resent, (E)xcluded, (A)bsent

<input type="checkbox"/> Chaplain (Fr. Mike O'Sullivan) (E)	<input type="checkbox"/> Advocate (Lawrence Bierschenk) (P)
<input type="checkbox"/> Grand Knight (Dave Straka) (P)	<input type="checkbox"/> Warden (Charles Hill) (A)
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Grand Knight (Ray Carr) (P)	<input type="checkbox"/> Inside Guard (Robert Picha) (P)
<input type="checkbox"/> Chancellor (Francis Rotering) (P)	<input type="checkbox"/> Outside Guard (Leonard Wright) (P)
<input type="checkbox"/> Recorder (Matt Casey) (P)	<input type="checkbox"/> Trustee 3rd Year (David Yaniko) (P)
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Secretary (John Achtyl) (P)	<input type="checkbox"/> Trustee 2nd Year (Joe Wright) (P)
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer (Derrick Rice) (P)	<input type="checkbox"/> Trustee 1st Year (Stan Stanislaw) (E)
<input type="checkbox"/> Lecturer (Robert Tracey) (E)	

☐ Chaplain Report:

◇ N/A

☐ Minutes of Previous Meeting were:

◇ Approved as published.

☐ Membership Report:

◇ No new members.

☐ Grand Knight Report:

◇ Thanks to the 1st degree team for holding an additional, out of cycle exemplification.

◇ Major Degree: Sept 17th, we were either going to do very well or we weren't going to have any support; GK very proud of our council. 11 from our council made their 2nd and 3rd degrees; new members please consider joining 4th degree. The theme of Unity: there were many brothers who showed up to not only support new members but we also had workers and helpers upon helpers. We received many compliments and thought we represented our council well. Major Degree was held in honor SK John Young. GK suspects deceased Knights including John Young, Jimmy Dixon, Andre Blanchard, Joe Bear and all the other Knights that have gone before us are looking down and proud of us. GK is proud of all of us for making this happen. Thanks to everyone who made it possible and participated.

◇ Picnic, had a good showing, it was a very nice time. Thanks to Leonard and Joe (the Wright brothers) for the great food, time and effort.

◇ Starting a busy time and there are a lot of things to do.

◇ Thanks to Matt for great job on newsletter & collages.

☐ Treasurer's Report was:

◇ Approved as Read

☐ Communications:

◇ None.

☐ Financial Secretary's Report:

◇ No report. (met with laughter)

☐ Trustees' Report:

◇ Nothing to report

☐ Chancellor's Report:

◇ Nothing to report

☐ Program Chair Report:

◇ 1 week from now Patriotic Rosary in the Garden, put name on list. 7 pm start. Lawrence asked if there's going to be Honor Guard since we are holding it outside. Discussion. Answer is no

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ATTENTION;

Looking for a caring, compassionate person to replace a member of the Meals on Wheels Team. Please contact Matt Casey 817-458-2039

Prayer Intentions

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

Jerry Austin, Sr.
Ruiz Family
Our Country
Lee Perkins
Jerry Alexander
Blair Family
Betty Young
Gene Anastas



Margie Hitner (RIP)
Jimmy Dixon (RIP)
Pat Tracey (RIP)
Andy Blanchard (RIP)
Joe Jungman (RIP)
John Young (RIP)
Souls Who Lost Lives in Hurricane (RIP)
Souls in Purgatory
Robert Casey (RIP)

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Honor Guard. More discussion. Question asked if other recommendations instead of having it outside, it's going to be dark thus making it hard to read, mosquitoes, weather, etc. TBD.

- ◇ Planning meeting in 2 weeks.
- ◇ Fall festival Oct 29. Not aware of any issues.
- ◇ 30th Corporate Communion & Blue Mass.
- ◇ Next Planning meeting will be real quick with Ice Cream social to follow, make good home made ice cream.
- ◇ Tootsie Roll Drive in Nov.

□ Old Business

- ◇ It was asked of Merle if he any updates for the Blue Mass. No. He's not received any responses. CDA will be doing breakfast and have bought decorations. John Actyl suggests donating \$200 to CDA to help cover their expenses (see New Business).

□ Unfinished Business:

□ New Business:

- ◇ Ray Carr made motion to donate \$200 to CDA to help cover their expenses for the Blue Mass. Adam Mann 2nd. Approved.

□ 4th Degree Report:

- ◇ Lawrence hosted flag retiring ceremony on Saturday 8 Oct. Retired about 70 flags. GK said it was a very nice ceremony and thanked Lawrence for hosting it.
- ◇ 4th Degree Exemplification 22 Oct. Ray Carr to be making his 4th degree.

□ District Deputy Report:

- ◇ Reiterate congrats for doing a great job on the Major Degree. DD received many positive comments about our Council.

◇ Voting Guide for Serious Catholics:

- ◆ 5 non negotiable issues need to be considered:

- ⇒ Abortion
- ⇒ Euthanasia
- ⇒ Embryonic stem cell research
- ⇒ Human Cloning
- ⇒ Homosexual marriage

- ◆ Do not vote on:

- ⇒ Political party affiliation
- ⇒ Past voting habits
- ⇒ Family tradition
- ⇒ Need to look at each candidate, personality, media savvy
- ⇒ Candidate's appearance

- ◆ Do not vote just because they claim they are Catholic.

- ◆ Do not vote on 'what's in it for me'. Need to consider the good of everybody.

- ◆ Do not vote on how a candidate will vote on lesser issues but rather how they will vote on major issues.

- ◆ This is probably the most important and most historic. Take it serious. DD challenged us to exercise our rights and to be an intelligent voter.

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Links to other Publications



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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.

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◇ Under Good of the order:

- ◆ Lee Perkins was in the hospital, came home today (11 Oct), he has high blood pressure that is being monitored.
- ◆ Gene Anastas been combating chronic cough.
- ◆ Knight Hood 3rd Degree awarded to Merle E. Lenfest, James E. McCreery III & William T. Robinson.

□ Lecturer:

- ◇ Nothing to report

□ Meeting closed at 8:05 PM by Dave Straka



Pop Quiz: Advent is the beginning of the _____ (3 words)

Liturgical calendar year

Did you know:

The Immaculate Conception:

It's important to understand what the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is and what it is not. Some people think the term refers to Christ's conception in Mary's womb without the intervention of a human father; but that is the Virgin Birth. Others think the Immaculate Conception means Mary was conceived "by the power of the Holy Spirit," in the way Jesus was, but that, too, is incorrect. The Immaculate Conception means that Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain—that's what "immaculate" means: without stain. The essence of original sin consists in the deprivation of sanctifying grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature. Mary was preserved from these defects by God's grace; from the first instant of her existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace and was free from the corrupt nature original sin brings.



Source:

[Catholic Answers - "Immaculate Conception and Assumption"](#)

(click to follow link)



NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		All Saints' Day	All Saints' Day			
 6 Burrito Breakfast, 6:00am	7	 8 Business Meeting, 7:30pm	9	10	 VETERANS DAY HONORING ALL WHO SERVED	12 Feed the Families (2nd Collection All Masses)
 13 Council 7264 First Degree Ceremony 1:30 PM	14	15	16	17	18	 19 Tootsie Roll Drive, 8:00am
20 Dynamic Catholic Speaker 2:30 PM	21	22	23	24  Happy Thanksgiving!	25	26
 27 1st Sunday of Advent	28	29	30	1	2	3 Weatherford Christmas Parade

<i>2 - Linn Wetwiska</i>	<i>7 - Stan Stanislav</i>	<i>19 - Christopher Lane</i>	<i>27 - Leon Hitner</i>
<i>November 2 - Matt Williams</i>	<i>13 - Truman Hornsby</i>	<i>20 - Dr. Robert Mallet</i>	<i>27 - Paul Boatman</i>
<i>Birthdays 5 - Dr. Robert Phillips</i>	<i>14 - Lawrence Bierschenk</i>	<i>23 - Todd Werts</i>	<i>29 - Fr. Liam Sweeney</i>
<i>6 - John Engels</i>	<i>15 - Samuel Spadaro</i>	<i>27 - Joseph Gerlich</i>	

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 27 1st Sunday of Advent	28	29	30	1	2	 3 Weatherford Christmas Parade, 8:00am
4	5	6	7	 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	 9 Christmas Party 6:30pm	10
 11 Burrito Breakfast, 6:00am	12	 13 Business Meeting, 7:30pm	14	15	16	17
 18 Council 7264 First Degree Ceremony 1:30 PM	19	20	21	22	23	24
 25 Christmas Day	26	27 (No Planning Meeting)	28	29	30	31

<i>December 1 - Robert Fronk Jr</i>	<i>11 - Joseph Broesche</i>	<i>23 - Thomas Jones</i>	<i>30 - Brian Smith</i>
<i>Birthdays 3 - Alton Nini</i>	<i>12 - David Kerr</i>	<i>25 - DCN Jesus Cardenas</i>	
<i>10 - Gary Huddleston</i>	<i>16 - Eusebio Uribe</i>	<i>27 - Charles Clark</i>	



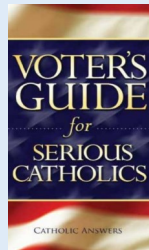
VOTE AMERICA

EVERY VOTE COUNTS

November 8th: Presidential Election Day

At our last business meeting our District Deputy Jerry Austin challenged all of to vote. He also passed along some guidance on factors to be considered taken from the "[Voters Guide for Serious Catholics](#)". Excerpts include "The Five Non-Negotiable Issues":

1. Abortion
2. Euthanasia
3. Embryonic Stem Cell Research
4. Human Cloning
5. Homosexual "Marriage"



Excerpts also include tips on "How Not to Vote":

1. Do not just vote based on your political party affiliation
2. Do not cast your vote based on candidates' appearance, personality, or "media savvy."
3. Do not vote for candidates just because they declare themselves Catholic.
4. Do not choose among candidates based on "What's in it for me?"
5. Do not vote for candidates who are right on lesser issues but who will vote wrongly on key moral issues.

[For more detail as well as other tips click on the link.](#)



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5 Interesting Catholic Thanksgiving Facts

by [Dr Taylor Marshall](#)

When you're sitting down for that wonderful feast on Thursday, here are 5 interesting Catholic Thanksgiving Facts you can share with your family. Print them out and read them aloud over some pumpkin (or pecan) pie!

The history books will tell you that the first Thanksgiving was celebrated by the Protestant pilgrims of Massachusetts in 1621. Not so. There was the Catholic Thanksgiving of 1565 in Florida and another Catholic Thanksgiving of 1589 in Texas.

1. The first American Thanksgiving was actually celebrated on September 8 (feast of the birth of the Blessed Virgin) in 1565 in St. Augustine, Florida. Don Pedro Menendez came ashore amid the sounding of trumpets, artillery salutes and the firing of cannons to claim the land for King Philip II and Spain. The ship chaplain Fr. Francisco Lopez de Mendoza Grajales chanted the Te Deum and presented a crucifix that Menendez ceremoniously kissed. Then the 500 soldiers, 200 sailors and 100 families and artisans, along with the Timucuan Indians celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in gratitude to God.
2. The second American Thanksgiving happened on April 30, 1598, when Spanish explorer Don Juan de Oñate requested the friars to say a Mass of Thanksgiving, after which he formally proclaimed "La Toma", claiming the land north of the Rio Grande for the King of Spain.
3. The Puritan pilgrims were violently anti-Catholic. They left England because they thought that the Church of England was *too Catholic*. These Puritans were strict Calvinists. The pilgrims also opposed celebrating Christmas, dancing, musical instruments in church, and even hymns as *papistical*.
4. Squanto, the beloved hero of Thanksgiving at Plymouth Rock, was Catholic! ([Here's my full article on the Catholicism of Squanto.](#)) Squanto had been enslaved by the English but he was freed by Spanish Franciscans. Squanto thus received baptism and became a Catholic. So it was a baptized Catholic Native American who orchestrated what became known as Thanksgiving.
5. And let everyone remember that "Thanksgiving" in Greek is Eucharistia. Thus, the Body and Blood of Christ is the true "Thanksgiving Meal".

[\[This is a condensed version. For the full article plus a video click on this link.\]](#)