



Knighly News - March 2016

Holy Spirit Council 7264

Weatherford, Texas

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Grand Knight's Report:

Dear Brothers,

Easter is just a few short weeks away. Lent is moving on, and if you have not committed yourself to doing something special during this important season — Start Today! Easter will mean more to you if you have sacrificed something in your life.

Thanks to all the Brothers for helping with the February Burrito Breakfast. A special thanks to Joe and Leonard Wright for their continued

leadership of this project. Note that there will be no Burrito Breakfast in March due to Spring Break, so our next breakfast will be in April.

If you haven't been by the Club House lately, you would not recognize the front entrance. The sliding glass doors (which haven't worked for many years) have been replaced with a new door and wall, as shown in the picture to the right. We owe Brother Paul Claffey and his crew a great big "Thanks!" for making this happen.



The New Club House Door

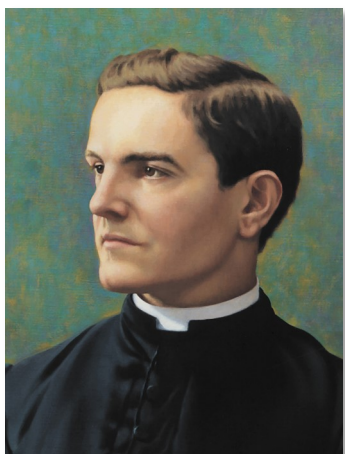
Our Lenten soup and sandwich dinner was held on Friday, February 26th. Dave Yaniko took charge, just like a good First Sergeant, and as usual everything went very well. We served delicious tomato basil soup and clam chowder, along with excellent egg salad and tuna salad, and a touch of James Nowak's famous grill cheese. It all made for some excellent dining. This was a team project with about twenty Brothers there to lend a hand. Thanks again to everyone who came and helped.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 26th. We will need all of you to be at the Club House at 1 PM to help get everything ready. The hunt will start at 1:30 PM, so come early if you can.

God Bless,

Stan Stanislav, Grand Knight

Rejoice! Christ
is risen!



**Our Founder
Fr. Michael McGivney**

Upcoming Events:

**Mar 26th @ 12 PM
Easter Egg Hunt**

**Apr 10th @ 6 AM
Burrito Breakfast**

**Apr 10th @ 9AM-2PM
Blood Drive**

**Apr 14th @ 6 PM
Annual Charities
Appreciation Dinner**

**Apr 19th @ 7 PM
Patriotic Rosary**

Upcoming Meetings:

**Mar 8th @ 7:30 PM
Business Meeting**

**Mar 22nd @ 7 PM
Planning Meeting**

**Apr 12th @ 7:30 PM
Business Meeting**

**Apr 26th @ 7 PM
Planning Meeting**

**Remember to visit the
Council Website:**

kofc7264.org

**Knights of Columbus Holy Spirit Council 7264
Business Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2016**

- 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) (A)	▣ Advocate (Lawrence Bierschenk) (P)
▣ Grand Knight (Stan Stanislav) (P)	▣ Warden (Hector Arevalo) (E)
▣ Deputy Grand Knight (Dave Straka) (P)	▣ Inside Guard (Robert Picha) (P)
▣ Chancellor (Francis Roterger) (E)	▣ Outside Guard (Charles Clark) (P)
▣ Recorder (Ray Carr) (P)	▣ Trustee 3rd Year (David Yaniko) (P)
▣ Financial Secretary (John Achtyl) (P)	▣ Trustee 2nd Year (James Nowak) (E)
▣ Treasurer (Derrick Rice) (E)	▣ Trustee 1st Year (Joseph Wright) (P)
▣ Lecturer (Robert Tracey) (P)	
- Chaplain Report — no report
- Minutes of Previous Meeting were approved as published.
- Membership
 - ◊ John Achtyl reported that we have two new member applications, Craig Pourpore and Feliz Galvan. Motion by Chuck Clark to accept, seconded by Tim Aziere. Passed.
- Grand Knight Report
 - ◊ Jeff Horwedel, one of our newest members, was recognized and was presented his First Degree certificate.
 - ◊ Robert Picha and Matt Casey were both recognized for having surpassed 50 hours of volunteer service, and each was presented a council jacket.
 - ◊ The Patriotic Rosary was well attended last month. Special thanks to Dave Straka and Adam Mann for leading us in saying the rosary.
 - ◊ The 2016 Hike for Life was very successful, raising over \$12,000 before expenses. Special thanks to Rusty Gibson and Chuck Clark for chairing and organizing the event. Many in attendance, including our Weatherford Police escorts, commented on how well the entire event was run. Matt Casey will look into submitting articles on this year's hike to both the Texas Knight state publication and the Columbia Magazine national publication.
 - ◊ We will distribute the Pallottine donation cans tomorrow, Ash Wednesday, and this coming weekend after all masses.
 - ◊ The plaques for three different awards that our council recently received were passed around for all to see — the Quick Start award, the Star Council award, and the Lone Star award.
- Treasurer Report was read and accepted.
- Communications
 - ◊ Three "Thank You" letters were read — two from our seminarians, Thomas Jones and Jonathan Demma, for our recent support payments of \$300 and Christmas gifts of \$100, and one Grace House Director, Dana Blankenship, for our support of the 2016 Hike for Life.

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Prayer Intentions

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

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| Betty Young | Violet Verstraete (RIP) |
| Dave Yaniko | Jerry Austin Sr. |
| Lorraine Yaniko | Diane Austin |
| Lee Perkins | Travis Austin |
| Margie Hitner | Barbara Bridgewater (RIP) |
| Bob Tracey | Patricia Tracey (RIP) |
| Fr. John J. O'Brien | John Young (RIP) |
| Joe Delgado | Jimmy Dixon (RIP) |
| Joe Bayer (RIP) | Carol Horwedel (RIP) |
| Joe Mesa (RIP) | Wanda Werts (RIP) |
| Mark Picrel | Jack McMullin |

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.



Act of Charity

*O my God, I love thee above all things,
With my whole heart and soul,
Because thou art all-good and deserving of
all my love.*

*I love my neighbor as myself for the love of
thee.*

*I forgive all who have injured me,
And ask forgiveness from all whom I have
injured.*

Amen.



Saint of the Month for March Saint Agnes of Bohemia

Saint Agnes, also known as Saint Agnes of Bohemia, was born sometime in the early 1200's to Ottocar, the King of Bohemia, and Constance of Hungary. Though of royal birth and betrothed several times for the political gains of arranged marriages, she made the decision to devote her life to prayer and spiritual service to God. She sought intervention from Pope Gregory IX to release her from such marriages and obtained her freedom by her vow to consecrate herself to serving God.

Saint Agnes is known for founding the Hospital of St. Francis and financing the construction of Poor Clare monastery in Prague. She was canonized in 1989 by



Agnes of Bohemia Tending the Sick by the Bohemian Master, 1482, National Gallery, Prague

Pope John Paul II. Saint Agnes inspires us to embrace charity, generosity, and humility. Her feast day is March 2nd.

"Agnes of Bohemia, although she lived in a period far removed from ours, still remains a shining example of the Christian faith and heroic charity, which invites us to reflection and imitation. She is an example of courage and spiritual help for the young people who generously consecrate themselves to the religious life; for all those who follow Christ; she is a stimulus of charity practiced toward everyone with total dedication, overcoming every barrier of race, nation or mentality; she is the heavenly protectress of our difficult daily journey. To her we can therefore turn with great trust and hope."

- Pope John Paul II, during the canonization of Saint Agnes



Weatherford Knights Support Weatherford Citizens Police Annual “Casino Night” Again This Year — Black Jack!

Holy Spirit Council 7264 “doubled down” on its support of the Weatherford Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (WCPAAA) by dealing cards again this year at the 15th Annual WCPAAA Casino Night fundraiser on February 20th. The sold out event was held at the Weatherford Senior Center and offered games of chance including Black Jack, Craps, Roulette, Texas Hold’em, the Big Wheel, and Bingo! At the end of the evening, everyone converted their “winnings” into raffle tickets and crossed their fingers in hopes winning some of

the over 200 donated door prizes. All proceeds go to the alumni association, which is a non-profit volunteer organization that provides support and assistance to the Weatherford Police Department when requested.

Our council answered WCPAAA’s call for volunteers and provided a few Black Jack dealers again this year. Pictured below (clockwise from upper left) are Brother John Achtyl, Brother Lawrence Bierschenk, Brother Ray Carr, and St. Stephens’ Mike Gremminger.





Holy Spirit Council Earns Awards

At the February Business Meeting, Brothers got their first look at three new plaques that we received for awards earned recently — the 2014-2015 Star Council Award, the 2014-2015 Lone Star Award for Excellence, and the 2015-2016 Quick Start Award.



District Deputy Jerry Austin was on hand to offer his congratulations and is shown above with Grand Knight Stan Stanislav proudly displaying the awards.

Congratulations to Our Newest First Degree Member

We welcome our newest member, Brother Jeff Horwedel, who is shown below receiving his First Degree certificate and council shirt from Grand Knight Stan Stanislav at the February Business Meeting. Congratulations, Jeff!



Matt Casey and Robert Picha Recognized for Volunteer Service

Brothers Matt Casey and Robert Picha were presented with personalized council jackets at the February Business Meeting in recognition for having surpassed 50 hours of volunteer service. Shown below with Grand Knight Stan Stanislav, Matt and Robert have really made a difference this past year.



Supporting Irish Pallottine Missions

Brother Knights passed out Irish Pallottine Missions donation cans at the beginning of Lent again this year, giving Saint Stephen parishioners one more way they can focus on increased almsgiving during the Lenten Season. All proceeds go to the Irish Pallottine Missions in Africa.



www.irishpallottines.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



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

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- Financial Secretary Report
 - ◊ Our council remains in good standing with Supreme. The semi-annual audit and the fraternal survey were both received and accepted.
 - ◊ 31 members still need to pay their 2016 dues.
- Trustees Report
 - ◊ Two Trustees, the Grand Knight, and the Financial Secretary met to conduct the semi-annual audit, and the books balanced to within one penny. Our net balance as of the end of December 2015 was \$52,304.39.
 - ◊ The charity proposal will be presented under New Business.
- Program Chair Report
 - ◊ The next Burrito Breakfast is this coming Sunday, February 14th. Start time is 6 AM, but come whenever you can — help with clean up is always needed.
 - ◊ We will be serving soup and sandwiches on Friday, February 26th. Start time is 3 PM, but again, come whenever you can and lend a hand.
 - ◊ The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 26th. Start time is 12 PM.
 - ◊ The Annual Charities Appreciation Dinner will be April 14th. Dave Straka and Dave Yaniko are co-chairing the event. Dave Straka will get quotes from a few different caterers, and we will vote to select one next month.
 - ◊ Our next Patriotic Rosary will be Tuesday, April 19th.
- Old Business — none
- Unfinished Business
 - ◊ Paul Claffey presented a plan for replacing the Club House sliding glass doors with a 4-foot wide solid door. The estimated cost for materials and labor is \$1,800. Motion by Lawrence Bierschenk to allot \$1,800 for the project, seconded by Dave Straka. Passed. Paul reported that the work should be completed this coming weekend, February 13th & 14th. Note that in the future, any such renovations need to be approved by the parish council.
- New Business
 - ◊ Dave Yaniko presented the Trustees' charity proposal. Motion by Chuck Clark to accept, seconded by Neal Hoelting. Passed.
 - ◊ Motion by Vic Verstraete to amend the charity proposal by adding a \$500 donation to the Vietnam War Memorial off Mineral Wells Highway, seconded by Chuck Clark. Passed.
 - ◊ Texas State Convention is April 29th - May 1st in Corpus Christi.
 - ◆ Selection of Delegates — following discussion, motion by Matt Casey to nominate Dave Straka as delegate and Ray Carr and Charles Hill as alternates, seconded by Dan Martin. Passed.
 - ◆ Delegates' Expenses — Motion by Lawrence Bierschenk for the council to pay (reimburse) delegates' expenses, seconded by Dave Straka. Passed.
 - ◆ Hospitality Suite — following discussion, motion by Dave Straka to donate \$50, seconded by Paul Claffey. Passed. (Continued on Page 7)



MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	 Business Meeting, 7:30pm	9	10	11 Holy Spirit Council's 37th Anniversary (Chartered 3/11/1979)	12
13 No Burrito Breakfast (due to Spring Break) Council 7264 First Degree Ceremony 1:30pm	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 Palm Sunday	21	 Planning Meeting, 7:00pm	23	24	25 Good Friday	 Easter Egg Hunt, 12:00pm
27 Easter Sunday	28	29 K of C Founder's Day (Founded 3/29/1882)	30	31	1	2

<i>1 - Julian Garcia</i>	<i>14 - David McKeown</i>	<i>19 - Joe Portillo</i>	<i>26 - Robert Klein</i>
<i>March 2 - Brian Lang</i>	<i>14 - Mitchell Cooper</i>	<i>20 - Irvin Justice</i>	<i>30 - Louis Leal Jr</i>
<i>Birthdays 2 - Fr. John Casey</i>	<i>15 - Bruce O'Keefe</i>	<i>21 - James Lee</i>	
<i>6 - Neal Hoelting</i>	<i>19 - Anthony Lucia</i>	<i>24 - Vic Verstracte</i>	

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
 10 Burrito Breakfast, 6:00am Blood Drive, 9am-2pm	11	 12 Business Meeting, 7:30pm	13	 14 Annual Charities Dinner, 6:00pm	15	16
17 Weatherford Council 7264 First Degree, 1:30pm	18	 19 Patriotic Rosary, 7:00pm	20	21	22	23
24 Granbury Council 9748 First Degree, 2:00pm	25	 26 Planning Meeting, 7:00pm	27	28	29	30

<i>April 4 - Gregory Libby</i>	<i>11 - Brian Kechnic Jr</i>	<i>25 - W. Cristian Fischer</i>	<i>30 - H. Lee Villarreal</i>
<i>Birthdays 8 - Francis Rotcring</i>	<i>13 - Ray Torres</i>		